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BMHA

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1. Bicycle Mobile Hams on eGroups, At Last!!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-07 21:46:39 UTC
From: Scott KE4WMF
Topic: 1 Message: 1

Hi,

I finally got the list up and going. I'm working on getting the name changed to BMHA. I was close, but a judgement error and subsequent technical difficulty are the only hold-up. I'll let everyone know when the name has successfully changed.

The new Newsletter is at the printer as I type. It will announce the location of this discussion list. In the meantime, please invite as many BMHA'rs as you can. Please use the Invite option, not the one that signs them up automatically.

Let the fun begin!

73,

Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
Owner/Moderator
Editor, BMHA Newsletter

2. Let's get started!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-07 23:11:58 UTC
From: Skip@LaFetra.com
Topic: 2 Message: 2

I've some experience with electronic forums such as this one.

They start of slow, but with participation, can really skyrocket.

Please participate and add your thoughts. Your 'simple solution' can
be the answer which some other bicycling ham is desperately seeking.
(See my next post about stringing an antenna on your bicycle).

As always, please also go to our website at
http://www.LaFetra.com/BMHA and send me any feedback you have.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA Webmaster
BMHA-Webmaster@...

3. Mounting your antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-07 23:17:12 UTC
From: Skip@LaFetra.com
Topic: 3 Message: 3

Many BMHA members put an antenna on a back ("luggage") rack. I don't -- mine is up front where I can't kick it mounting the bike.

But a long antenna is hard to keep steady. I've found what I consider the "perfect" solution.

The bottom of my antenna is at the base of a handlebar bag (mine is the type which has bungee-type cords down to the front axle, but this may be overkill). Then I've taken a piece of twine and stretched it from one brake hood to the other (right were the brake cable comes out the top). This is out-of-the-way and doesn't impede my hand placement at all.

I've a small loop in the twine about 4 inches in from the left brake hood. You've guessed it -- my antenna projects through this loop.

Very secure. Very tolerant of bumps. Doesn't strain any connectors anywhere. I've used this setup for darn near a decade with splendid results.

- Skip AA6WK
Skip@...

4. Thanks, Scott!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-07 23:30:42 UTC
From: jbcumming@wwdc.com
Topic: 4 Message: 4

Thank you for getting the reflector set up. Looking forward to the newsletter !

Vy 73, John VE3JC

5. HF on bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-20 23:03:41 UTC
From: Mark R. Mills
Topic: 5 Message: 5

Hi, I am new to this reflector and Amateur radio. I have been a ham 18 months now. My main interest is morse code and 10 meters. I am sending in my dues to BMHA this week to become a member. I think it would be very unique to have a QSO on a bicycle, especially to the other station receiving, I bet it raises many eyebrows. Can I use a vertical antenna similar to a hamstick on a bicycle for hf (10 meters) use, will this put out good? This is all new to me, so I might have a few questions in the future which I guess is what this reflector is all about. 73's Mark KG4CYO

6. Re: [BicycleMobileHams] HF on bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-21 12:58:30 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 5 Message: 6

Hi Mark, and welcome to the world of hf cw bicycle mobile. A hamstick
and cw will work great on 10m, bicycle mobile, when the band is open.
Check out my website (below), and Russ KB8U's (see BMHA page member
links) for ideas on mounting mobile vertical antennas and iambic
paddles.
Hope to work you 2X cw bicycle mobile some day!
73, JC

| VE3JC John Cumming
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@` /?----? hf qrp cw bicycle mobile
(?) \(?) http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/

"Mark R. Mills" wrote:
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main interest is morse code and 10 meters. ... 73's Mark KG4CYO
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8. Bike Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-24 02:28:59 UTC
From: WX2NJ
Topic: 8 Message: 8

Good to part of the group. I ran an article in the BMHA newsletter a while back and wanted to provide a link in case anyone is interested.
http://www.qsl.net/wx2nj/

73, Bob, WX2NJ
Ocean County ARES Emergency Coordinator
http://members.aol.com/wx2nj/ares.html or qsy.to/wx2nj
Ocean County Assistant Skywarn Coordinator
http://www.qsl.net/kc2elg/
Station WX2NJ Weather Updated Every 30 Minutes
http://home.adelphia.net/~ecishore/ or qsy.to/wxnj
Member - Tucson Amateur Packet Radio
http://www.TAPR.org

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9. [Fwd: BMHA HamVention Forum]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-25 01:10:26 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 9 Message: 9

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

10. BMHA Dayton HamVention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-25 01:15:57 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 10 Message: 10

BMHA will be hosting a forum at the 2001 Dayton HamVention and as the moderator, I am looking for speakers and presentors. If you are interested and have a BMHA topic of interest, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thanks, Mike, NF0N, nf0n @...

11. New HAM seeking information

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-31 04:29:39 UTC
From: Mark Whitaker
Topic: 11 Message: 11

Salutations all,

I recently passed my Technician exam and would like to be able to combine my bicycling hobby with my newest hobby. What do I need in the way of equipment for this project? What wattage can I safely transmit from an antenna that is within close proximity as would be the case on a bike?

Any help and suggestions will be most appreciated.

Thanks!

Mark C. Whitaker

12. Re: [BicycleMobileHams] New HAM seeking information

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-10-31 16:29:36 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 11 Message: 12

Hi, > What do I need in > the way of equipment for this project? What wattage can I safely > transmit from an antenna that is within close proximity as would be > the case on a bike? > Congratulations! You can start with something as simple as an HT, an improved antenna for the HT (1/2-wave is best), and a PTT boom mic. Then work your way up as interest, necessity, and money allows. Visit my ham radio page at http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf/HamRadio.html Go to the bottom of the page and you'll see two articles about my bicycle mobile setup. One has appeared in the BMHA Newsletter. The other will come soon. 73, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor < [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

13. CQ Bicycle mobile QRP'ers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-11-15 00:58:35 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 13 Message: 13

I have two announcements that may be of interest to bicycle mobile qrp operators:

1. The 2001 QRPedal-expedition to Dayton!

A small international contingent of QRPedalers are planning to cycle from Canada to Dayton FDIM/Hamvention in May 2001. Starting on the saturday or sunday before Dayton, we will cycle across part of Southern Ontario, invade the US via the Sunday evening Lake Erie ferry (Kingsville > Sandusky) and arrive in Dayton QRP-central the day before FDIM (for steak and honey-bourbon salmon at the Lone Star wednesday evening!)
I will post to the list with more information, as the route and other details take shape. We will certainly hope to have the chance to work many of you from the road, or from the evening campsite, or even from the ferry! We could accommodate several more keen riders, if anyone is interested.

2. Email reflector for Bicycle Mobile Hams!

BMHA now has an eGroups discussion list, so you should certainly subscribe if you are interested in bicycle mobiling. Info can be found at:
http://www.egroups.com/group/BicycleMobileHams

Vy 73 & 72, John VE3JC

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@` /<----- hf qrp cw bicycle mobile
(*) \(*) http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/

14. (no subject)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-11-22 16:18:53 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 14 Message: 14

Hi,

new to the group and wanted to ask about exposure to rf. Will be using a 20 meter ssb rig (and cw rig) with my S&B malibu and I'm a little concerend about exposre to rf so close.

mike
wb5yjx

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Get free email and a permanent address at http://www.amexmail.com/?A=1

15. looking for group for event

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-11-27 03:56:10 UTC
From: Mickie Newnam
Topic: 15 Message: 15

Hi! A friend and I put on a competitive trail ride in July at Caesar Creek State Park in Waynesville OH. I'm looking for a ham group to work the road crossings, which will make things safer for our riders and much easier on management. I noticed in the membership roster that there are a number of members from the Dayton and Cincinnati areas and thought you might be interested. I am also co-managing a ride in September near Bainbridge OH at Pike Lake State Forest and would love a group for that as well if it is possible. The hills there may make radio communications difficult.
If anyone is interested or wants more info, please email me privately since I'll be unsubscribing once this posts. thanks!
Mickie

16. Standby for Name Change...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-11-30 22:35:34 UTC
From: Scott KE4WMF
Topic: 16 Message: 16

Hi,

As promised in the e-mail footers, I'm going to attempt to change
the name to "BMHA." The next message you receive should come
from "BMHA@...." Please do not respond to this message.

Thanks,

Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF
BMHA Newsletter Editor, eGroups Owner
http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf

17. Name Change a Success!!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-11-30 22:50:46 UTC
From: Scott KE4WMF
Topic: 17 Message: 17

Hi,

I was administratively successful at changing our eGroups name to BMHA. This message will tell us if everyone is getting the messages properly under the new name.

Since there are less than 30 of us, feel free to respond to this message with a quick test. I'll go first. I'll return to the board on Monday and delete all of the little test messages in order to reduce clutter in the archive. I'm sure everyone will make the change okay since most of us are signed up for individual e-mails. I'm not sure how the digest-guys will fair in this change. Please be patient if it seems you are getting bombarded with "test" messages. There are only 29 of us and it should stop soon.

Thanks for your patience,

Scott

21. 12V lighting system

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-11-30 23:51:34 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 21 Message: 21

It's not mentioned on their website, but the lights at
http://www.bicyclelights.com/ are 12V. Thought some of y'all might find
that interesting and/or useful.

22. Free to upload files...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-12-01 04:18:17 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 22 Message: 22

Hi, List members may now upload files to BMHA@.... All I ask is that you create folders by callsign and keep your files in your folders. My folder is already setup as an example. Also, please try to keep your files small. I'm not imposing size restrictions. But please avoid posting full-screen images that take forever to download and hog disk space. Take a look at mine... they're half-screen sized jpegs and, consequently, relatively small. Also, copyrighted material (professional photos and programs) will be deleted immediately. Thanks for your cooperation. Enjoy the new feature, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

23. Re:[BMHA] Name Change a Success!!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-12-01 09:13:52 UTC
From: Dillon, W
Topic: 17 Message: 23

Hi gang,

Yes it works from over here as well! I see from Scot's posting that there are 29 of us, I guess that means 28 across the 'pond' and me over here in good ole' Blighty. So, I'd like to kick off some discussion by asking, what kinda' bicycle hamming are you guys 'n' gals doing over there? is it 'bicycle mobile'? cycle camping and ham radio when you've set up camp for the evening? what sorts of cycles are you using and how about antennas? Ok, enough questions, looking forward to meeting some of you either via the e-mail or on the air.

72/3! de Wayne - G0JJQ G-QRP-5233 FISTS-0851 BMHA(number?)
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24. Re: From the UK...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-12-01 14:09:04 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 24 Message: 24

Wayne, > Yes it works from over here as well! I see from Scot's posting that there > are 29 of us, I guess that means 28 across the 'pond' and me over here in > good ole' Blighty. So, I'd like to kick off some discussion by asking, what > kinda' bicycle hamming are you guys 'n' gals doing over there? is it > 'bicycle mobile'? cycle camping and ham radio when you've set up camp for > the evening? what sorts of cycles are you using and how about antennas? Ok, > enough questions, looking forward to meeting some of you either via the > e-mail or on the air. > > 72/3! de Wayne - G0JJQ I renamed the "subject" in my response so your discussion doesn't get inadvertently deleted by those that might think your message is just another "test" message. Perhaps others will respond with the same subject line to keep the this discussion organized. Most of us actually operate the ham radios FROM our bicycles while riding. Hearing, "You're on a bicycle?" is half the fun! :-) Sometimes I jump on the bike just to talk on the radio since I don't have a rig at home. I wouldn't mind getting MFJ's 6m SSB QRP rig for the "campground" stuff. Visit my website for a full write up on my bicycle mobile station. I've also posted photos of it on the eGroups site. 73, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

25. Re:[BMHA] Name Change a Success!!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2000-12-01 14:55:45 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 17 Message: 25

I haven't been lately (was out of biking for a while and then was sinking too much money into bikes to fix my radio when it broke....being a single parent forces you to make choices like that). I am now back into cycling (commuting 100+ miles/wk) and have my radio fixed. Now I just need to re-create the system I had before as I now have all the equipment except for a source of 12V power on the bike (radio internal batteries are shot) and to build another antenna (I have the materials, just haven't found the time).

The radio stuff:
HTX-202 mounted on the stem and handlebar with a piece of
leather belt and
a couple of velcro straps
12V gel-cell on rack
homemade speaker mic (butchered from RS speaker mic...moved mic element to boom made from coathanger wire and velcroed speaker portion to side of helmet)
J-pole antenna made from 19" of PVC with a RS mag-mount CB antenna stinger (39" long) mounted to the end at a 90 deg angle. I made a j-pole-type matching network from open-wire ladderline and stuffed it inside the PVC before capping both ends and clamping it to my rack. Worked as well as the mobile radio in the SAG wagons on the rides I covered.

The Bikes:

My "main squeeze" (at least for now)
Jamis Axis road bike with nothing special except the rack which currently holds the gel-cell for my lights and my panniers, plus reflectors everywhere, 2 blinkies on the back, Brooks B-17, Cinelli anatomical bar, Suntour bar-cons

Plus I'm building a "new" touring/commuting bike that can better handle the stresses of loaded touring and commuting. Also so that I can stop beating my road bike up on daily 20-mile commutes, and can strip it back down to the lean, mean road machine that it's supposed to be:

GT Tequesta MTB with Tioga City Slicker tires, mostly Deore LX components (whatever I could find used), Brooks B-17, Cyclocross drop bars (widest I could find with the ergo bend), bar-end shifters, 12V lighting system (http://www.bicyclelights.com), Dynohub with voltage-doubler/regulator for charging the battery (system in planning), fenders, full racks etc, ham radio equipment.

On Fri, 1 Dec 2000, Dillon, W wrote:

> Hi gang,
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> are 29 of us, I guess that means 28 across the 'pond' and me over here in
> good ole' Blighty. So, I'd like to kick off some discussion by asking, what
> kinda' bicycle hamming are you guys 'n' gals doing over there? is it
> 'bicycle mobile'? cycle camping and ham radio when you've set up camp for
> the evening? what sorts of cycles are you using and how about antennas? Ok,
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> To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
> BMHA-unsubscribe@egroups.com
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> Feel free to contact the list owner at ke4wmf@... for questions and/or suggestions.
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26. The Jan/Feb/Mar Newsletter is in the mail...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-01-26 17:38:20 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 26 Message: 26

Hi, That's right! It's a little late, but it's outta here. Hopefully, everyone will see their copies within a few days. To get your copy earlier, try an electronic subscription. In the future, I will send e-copies before the p-copy (paper) goes to the printer. E-copies are also in color. They're available in PDF or MS Word format (PDF is default). Please do not distribute e-copies via e-Groups. I'd like to keep it's recipients to paying club members. One typo has been spotted: The upcoming HamVention will be held in 2001, not 2000. Oops! 73, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf Mike: I didn't have the cash to send your box of extra copies. I'll get your box in the mail by Monday. All receipts are enclosed... [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

27. recumbent for sale

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-01-30 18:54:45 UTC
From: cehingston@military.com
Topic: 27 Message: 27

anyone interested in purchasing a ryan recumbent excellent condition
will accept $1200.00 wqrite to me here or send to
cehingston@...

28. BMHA List Change Info...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-02-01 14:16:43 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 28 Message: 28

Hi all, You may have noticed that you're receiving your eGroups messages from Yahoo now. Yahoo and eGroups recently merged to form YahooGroups. All of your settings are preserved, but you'll need to merge your accounts to continue to use them. It can be a bit of a pain, but it only needs to done once, unless Yahoo.com continues in it's plot to rule the world and changes something else. ;-) The new address for posting messages is BMHA@yahoogroups.com. The new URL for the BMHA page at YahooGroups is http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA. 73, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

36. Re: [BMHA] hello

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-02-25 19:28:57 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 36 Message: 36

> Does this thing actually work? ;) I'm used to getting several days' worth of
> old msgs after subscribing to a list.. Not seen anything at all from this
> one, tho...
> Anyway... In the previous newsletters, a BMHA HF net freq/time were
> listed... Has that attempt been discontinued? I see no mention of it in the
> current one and I've never heard any other bicyclers on the freq at the
> times listed.
> Thanks.

I see very few messages coming through on it. An HF net would be
interesting if I had HF on my bike.

What kinds of reactions do y'all get from other hams when they learn that
you're bike-mobile?

38. HFpack (Human Powered Mobiles) /HPM

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-02 11:21:18 UTC
From: xtalradio@aol.com
Topic: 38 Message: 38

Greetings BMHAers,

Everyone is invited to the Saturday UTC QSOs with the HFpack group.
HFpack is a large egroup for portable, pedestrian, and human-powered mobiles.
It also keeps a database of distance records for DX QSOs between
Human-Powered-Mobiles "/HPM" and Pedestrian Mobiles. There are many active
stations on the air, including various bicycle mobiles.

HFpack Saturday UTC Schedule USB/CW
==HFpack(A)17:30UTC=21437kHz (Alternates 21432, 21442)
==HFpack(C)18:00UTC=28337kHz (Alternates 28317, 28327)
==HFpack(B)22:30UTC=18157kHz (Alternates 18152, 18162)
==HFpack(D)23:00UTC=28337kHz (Alternates 28317, 28327)
===CW welcome: up+700Hz or up+1kHz===

for more information about HFpack:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hfpack/

73---Bonnie KQ6XA

39. (no subject)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-10 12:47:26 UTC
From: alexan
Topic: 39 Message: 39

Hello BMHA,

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Best regards,
alexan mailto:alexan@...

40. SG-2020

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-10 18:41:57 UTC
From: Jim Humes
Topic: 40 Message: 40

Hello to those in the bmha group. I have been lurking here for awhile and see little activity so thought I would see if I could stir up some discushion. I have a new SG 2020 and am thinking of combining it with my summer hobby of bike riding and am interested in seeing what others have come up with in regards to setting the thing up. I am interested in knowing what works well as far as power supply and battery. Weight and size is very important.I am an older guy and don't wish to tote a caR battery, hi hi. 73 Jim (N9BPE)....

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41. RE: [BMHA] SG-2020

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-12 13:48:22 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 40 Message: 41

I haven't gotten into bicycle mobile yet, maybe this summer...

While in college, I commuted back and forth to campus (maybe 4 miles one way) on my bike. I put on the venerable rack over the back tire, and got a huge milkcrate that strapped onto that. When I a huge milkcrate, I mean the one that holds 6 gallons, not the usual 4. I used a small piece of wood, with appropriate holes drilled in it, inbetween the rack and the crate, to properly support the crate (otherwise it flexed too much under, say, a full load of laundry).

Needless to say, this wasn't a suspension bike. Nor was it a particularly light bike with the rack and all. But, due to the rack (and the board), I could carry heavy loads back and forth to campus (for awhile I was doing laundry once a week on campus), and it kept hot backpacks off my back, and carried things really easily (just throw it in the back, like it was truck or something).

Anyhow, once with such a contraption, it should be easy to attach away whatever antenna, battery, or whatever you want. Just cushion things really well.

I wouldn't want to go cross country on such a thing, but it does work well for just going across town and short trips.

Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
Product Development Engineer - Sensors
Allegro MicroSystems, Inc
Concord, NH
603.228.5533 ext. 429

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Humes [mailto:n9bpe@...]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2001 1:42 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] SG-2020

Hello to those in the bmha group. I have been lurking here for awhile and see little activity so thought I would see if I could stir up some discushion. I have a new SG 2020 and am thinking of combining it with my summer hobby of bike riding and am interested in seeing what others have come up with in regards to setting the thing up. I am interested in knowing what works well as far as power supply and battery. Weight and size is very important.I am an older guy and don't wish to tote a caR battery, hi hi. 73 Jim (N9BPE)....

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BMHA-unsubscribe@egroups.com

Feel free to contact the list owner at ke4wmf@... for questions and/or suggestions.

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42. BMHA roster look-up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-15 16:52:57 UTC
From: Skip_LaFetra@hp.com
Topic: 42 Message: 42

For those looking for BMHA members nearby, I've restructured the roster to allow you to search by state.

Within a state, the roster is sorted by city.

To maintain an "appropriate" level of privacy, the roster only displays name, city, callsign, and email address. However, it also provides a link to QRZ.com, since that is "publicly available" FCC data.

Check it out! Either follow the link from BMHA's home page, or go direct at http://www.lafetra.com/bmha/Content/membership.asp

(In doing this, I used a several-months-out-of-date roster. I'll be putting the current roster up within the next week or so. Also, I noticed a minor bug that prevents displaying members who don't live in a state -- for example our European friends. This will also be fixed.)

Comments are always welcome.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

43. WB9GIE bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-24 22:43:29 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 43 Message: 43

It's been a while, but I picked up a new Yaesu FT-817 160meter-450MHz AM/FM/CW/SSB rig for the bike two days ago to replace the old Ten-Tec Argonaut 509 that I worked 96 countries and all 50 states on the bike from. Also, picked up a Yaesu FX-5R a few months back.

It's been cold and blustery up here in Milwaukee (30mph+ winds) but I was cycling around a little bit around noon today and worked Howard, VE3AXD in Toronto on 20m SSB who said I was doing just fine. The adrenalin is really percolating right now. The bike was all set up antenna/rig wise to cover 75m-10m CW/SSB and 2m FM previously, but I picked some additional resonators for 12m, 17m, and 30m, along with a Hamstick for 6m and a 440 MHz rubber duck.

I've got some lost time to make up and I'm back bicycle mobile this spring and summer to make the Argonaut days look like a warm-up...

I have a bicycle trip planned this June that I've been preparing for physically all fall and winter and I'll be operating from some pretty interesting places, so I'll be giving more info about that as that gets nearer.

More later...

73's de WB9GIE/bicycle mobile

Elroy Shelley, Jr
Milwaukee, WI

44. Re: [BMHA] WB9GIE bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-25 17:04:15 UTC
From: w.marty.ray@delphiauto.com
Topic: 43 Message: 44

Hey that sounds great! DXing on two wheels!

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Also, I just got a Bike Nasbar waterproof handlebar bag for the 817. I'm really anxious to get over my severe coughing from my recent cold so I can get back on the road (and warmer wx too...I'm not an ice biker yet!)

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Regards,

Marty Ray, N9SE
Sharpsville, IN

45. Re: Antenna choices

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-25 17:55:45 UTC
From: xtalradio@aol.com
Topic: 45 Message: 45

In a message dated 3/25/01 9:07:32 AM Pacific Standard Time,
w.marty.ray@... writes:

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> anyone? I have a rack on the rear of the bike that I can use for mounting.

Why not try a PW-1 or MP-1 antenna? It's like a miniature screwdriver
antenna. It can be taken apart and collapsed to fit into a small bag or box
when you need to go stealth or park the bike somewhere. Click here for more
info:
http://www.superantennas.com

Bonnie KQ6XA

46. Re: [Re: [BMHA] WB9GIE bicycle mobile]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-25 21:04:17 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 46 Message: 46

I've used a number of rigs on my S&B SWB recumbent, and have used hamsticks successfully. ALways worry about the RF by my head though, even when using 2 watts of hf.

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47. Re: [BMHA] Re: Antenna choices

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-26 01:24:01 UTC
From: Jim Humes
Topic: 45 Message: 47

I am also setting up for bike mobile operating this summer
and am going to use the hustler antennas. They are not too big
and have always done a good job for me. True they are single
band but one band at a time is fine with me. They are inexpensive
if you get used ones at a hamfest. I have bought several for $10 or
so each. I mount them on the luggage rack with cb mirror mounts.
Just got a new ft-817 and anxious to try it. 73 Jim (N9BPE)

>From: xtalradio@...
>Reply-To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>Subject: [BMHA] Re: Antenna choices
>Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2001 12:55:45 EST
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48. BMHA membership

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-26 01:41:07 UTC
From: morse-code4me@webtv.net
Topic: 48 Message: 48

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49. Re: [BMHA] BMHA membership

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-26 02:27:55 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 48 Message: 49

Mark, I have your application all OK. I am a little slow in getting to the new ones but just wanted to let you know you will be getting the newsletter soon. Since I am the delay, I plan to send you an extra back issue along with the current one.

If any others have sent an application this year and haven't heard, I have those also and will be mailing out the last and one past issue of the newsletter.

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73-Mike, NF0N
Secretary/Treasurer, BMHA

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50. Re: [BMHA] BMHA membership

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-26 03:10:35 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 48 Message: 50

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51. Re: [BMHA] BMHA membership

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-26 03:28:58 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 48 Message: 51

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Mike, NF0N

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52. Re: [BMHA] BMHA membership

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-26 04:07:04 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 48 Message: 52

I know it's very simple to initiate through http://www.paypal.com....there
is a slight surcharge, but you could even add that as the extra fee for
those who prefer to pay that way. I have an account set up for collecting
charity donations (see http://www.tfn.net/~gfloyd7/cmn/) and it seems to
work quite well indeed.

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53. Re: Re: [BMHA] WB9GIE bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-26 17:45:30 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 43 Message: 53

personelly i would forget aboput cw on a bike and pay attentionto the
road don't want ot get kiloled while your cwing withssomeone do you

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Free email. Personnel Locator. Thousands of homepages for units, ships, squadrons, and
more.

54. Re: [BMHA] Re: Antenna choices

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-26 22:21:25 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 45 Message: 54

Hello all,
It's great to see all the discussion regarding antenna choices, hf bike-mobiling, and cw operation. Be sure to check out the "member pages" from the BMHA website for lots of photo's and information on rig/antenna/key mounting. Also, the back issues of the newsletter are a valuable resource.

To comment on a couple of points raised in the last few days:

- regardless of which antenna you use, I like to keep the antenna well back from the bike. To minimize emf exposure, and to make it a lot easier to mount the bike, put your antenna on an extension pole behind the rear wheel. Check out my website for details and photos.

- I use an Outbacker Perth, which works well on all hf bands, and it is easy to change bands with a ten second rest stop! While these are very pricey, they often show up at fleamarkets for a reasonable price.

- Exciting to hear about all the 817's !! What a great rig for hf/vhf/uhf bicycle mobiling! Keep us posted on your adventures. The Outbacker Perth Plus gives HF plus 2m, so that might be a good antenna to consider.

- CW operation CAN be quite easy and safe. I am able to send quite easily while still keeping both hands on the handlebars, and near the brakes. See my site or Russ KB8U's for more details.

Russ and I, along with Ken VE3ELA are looking forward to our ride to Dayton and hope to see many of you at the BMHA forum. (http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/fdimor.htm)

I went for a 36 km ride yesterday, but got caught in a blinding snowstorm. By the end of the ride, there was a solid coating of ice over most of the bike's components, and the chain was slipping - had to stop and chop ice off every few minutes. How depressing! Glad I decided to leave the radio at home!

73, John VE3JC

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55. Re: [BMHA] Re: Antenna choices

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-27 15:13:37 UTC
From: w.marty.ray@delphiauto.com
Topic: 45 Message: 55

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Where will the forum be held? Will it be at FDIM?

Thanks!

Marty Ray, N9SE

56. Logging

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-27 15:27:12 UTC
From: w.marty.ray@delphiauto.com
Topic: 56 Message: 56

I have been wondering...how do you make entries into a log book while riding?

Marty N9SE

57. Re: [BMHA] Logging

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-27 20:14:23 UTC
From: xtalradio@aol.com
Topic: 56 Message: 57

In a message dated 3/27/01 7:32:44 AM Pacific Standard Time,
w.marty.ray@... writes:

> I have been wondering...how do you make entries into a log book while
riding?

Radio Shack 90 minute voice recorder.

Bonnie KQ6XA

58. Re: SG-2020

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-27 21:17:12 UTC
From: m.b.blake@worldnet.att.net
Topic: 40 Message: 58

Jim,

I just posted a message on the HFPACK group looking for comments on this very subject. I just picked up my new GT Nomad Ltd. bike thsi morning and I am now looking for ideas that will let me safely carry my SG-2020, 7ah Gel battery, tuner and some wire. I am looking at a rear mounted, over the tire rack with a black nylon zipper bag that attaches to the top of the rack. I have not considered HF mobile operation yet as I don't think I have enough hands.

On the way home I was on the cell phone and the 440 repeater at the same time and was having trouble steering :-) If I operated the SG-2020 one of the other radios would have to stay at home.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

The Nomad Ltd.

http://www.gtcomfortbikes.com/catalog/index.html?mid=124&ml=2001

I have a new SG 2020 and am thinking of
> combining it with my summer hobby of bike riding and am interested
> in seeing what others have come up with in regards to setting the
thing
> up. I am interested in knowing what works well as far as power
> supply and battery. Weight and size is very important.I am an
> older guy and don't wish to tote a caR battery, hi hi. 73 Jim
> (N9BPE)....
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59. Re: Logging

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-27 23:30:55 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 56 Message: 59

--- In BMHA@y..., w.marty.ray@d... wrote:
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> I have been wondering...how do you make entries into a log book while riding?
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> Marty N9SE

I use a pen. :-) Seriously, on the bike for my HF contacts I stop and grab a small notepad that I have real easy access to and quickly scribble the call, freq, signal report, qth,.. the important stuff, and then resume peddling continuing on with the qso. I actually write the "nice looking" info into my regular log later. It takes almost zero effort to stop the bike and do that, and just a few seconds time to preserve the important data. It doesn't take as much effort as it sounds like it might take. The "two microphones going at once, keep your feet peddling stuff...", I mean, it's just not that complicated. I go on trips where I'm gone three weeks at a time, and work many, many stations, and just don't have a problem.

Ned Mountain, WC4X and I used to work QRP bicycle mobile to bicycle mobile from Wisconsin to Georgia on 20m SSB back in the early 1990's and if you start all of that "Well how can you possibly do this and possibly do that at the same time... well, you, don't. A lot of it is common sense. The real problems are being out in places really far from nearby towns and hitting incredible downpours with no place to go, and severe lightning, severe squall lines with winds in excess of 60 mph, sprained ankles, etc. You don't have to talk every minute you're peddling either. If you hit rough traffic or roads, take care of business and deal with that, and when you feel comfortable getting in a QSO again, do that.

I'm 49 years old now and I've been bicycle mobile since the early 1970's, initially with a 3-speed Huffy Sportsman bicycle with a Lafayette HA-650 portable rig that had D-cells contained internally and put out 2.5 watts on 6m AM to a 54inch whip. In 1974 I got a Drake TR-22C 12 channel 2m rig that I fed into a 5/8 wave 2m antenna. Then I got a D-cell battery pack. Then I got a 12v gel-cel. Then I mounted a speaker and the microphone up front and the radio was in the back. In the 1980's an Icom IC-2AT and the Ten-Tec Argonaut went on the bike. In the 1990's I bought a Trek 7000. In 2000 I picked up a FX-5R, and now, in 2001, the FT-817. If you are going to try to adjust modulation, power levels, work cell phones, and other rigs at once you are going at it all wrong and will not have fun and probably end up hurting yourself in the process. This is a really exciting combination of hobbies that come together in one spot here with the BMHA and needs a lot of common sense to have fun and safety with.

Speaking of Ned, I remember working him and he had modified a Hamstick or some fiberglass type of whip so it was sorta like a Outbacker, but a lot less weight to it. He had re-wound it with taps every so often on the windings so he could instantly change bands by jumpering. His two watts from his bike down in Georgia sounded really good (5x7 to 5x8) on my bike's setup up here in Wisconsin while using it. Gee, I wonder if he still uses that? I'm tempted to go that way...

Elroy
WB9GIE

60. Re: [BMHA] Re: Antenna choices

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-28 01:05:35 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 45 Message: 60

The Dayton BMHA forum will be held in Room 2 on Sunday at 8:00 am. The BMHA web site now has the details of the forum and it will be in the next newsletter.

Look forward to seeing all of you there.

Mike, NF0N

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61. FT-817

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-28 16:30:56 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 61 Message: 61

That new FT-817 is really amazing. I stopped at Radio Shack this past weekend and picked up a little 24" center-loaded CB antenna for $9.95 that has a PL259 connector on the end of it and then a 90 degree bend so it can be used right on the back of a rig. I adjusted it to have minimum SWR at 28.4 MHz using the FT-817's built-in SWR bridge. Monday evening I had the rig sitting on the kitchen table, using the internal AA batteries (good for about 2.5 watts out) for power and the new 24" antenna sticking out of the back of the thing and I gave KP4DKE in Puerto Rico a call and he comes back and gives me a 5x7 report!!! He was 5x9++ . Just an easy QSO where I explained the rig, my QTH, etc. No problems at all.

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobile
Milwaukee, WI

62. Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-28 20:57:07 UTC
From: w.marty.ray@delphiauto.com
Topic: 62 Message: 62

I've heard a few comments about what you all are using, but, for good measure, here are some questions:

I'd like to know what kind of mic everyone is using.
For example do you use a hand mic and just pick it up when you want to talk?
Do you use a boom mic mounted on or near the handlebar with a ptt switch somewhere?
Do you use a helmet moutned boom mic or headset, etc.....

Also, how is the receive audio delivered to your ear.? Speaker, headphone, ead-bud, etc...

I'd like to make as few itterations as possible on my initial setup. Right now, it is looking like this:

- FT-817 in a waterproof handlebar bag using wood or plastic partitions lined with foam to keep it contained.
- Internal NiMH pack.
- Mic...not sure
- Speaker / earbud / headphone...not sure
- Antennas will be hamsticks w/ 3/8" mount (already have them) and 2m 5/8 NMO mount
using 1/8" aluminum off the back of the rack. Still haven't figured out how to get them to work
in close proximity to each other. Perhaps only mount one or the other and swap out when I want
to change bands. Or perhaps have one out the side and on out the back for separation...
- Paddles probably homebrew using spring steel or brass, setup to use without removing hand from grip.
- Small memory keyer next to rig to send the repetitive parts of a qso without using the paddles.

Just for background, this setup will go on my commuter bike, which is a Cannondale Hybrid with a rear pannier rack.

Also, how can I work 96 contries and 50 states? ;)

72 de N9SE
Marty Ray
Sharpsville, IN

63. Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-29 00:49:06 UTC
From: m.b.blake@worldnet.att.net
Topic: 62 Message: 63

Marty,

I have all of the same questions that you just posed. The only difference in our hardware is that my radio is an SG-2020 and the bike is a GT Nomad LTD hybrid. I plan to use hamsticks as well and a Larsen 270 for vhf/uhf with a yaesu FT50RD.

I used to operate motorcycle mobile back in my younger days (I'm 57) and found that for safety's sake a helmet mounted earphone/mic was a real plus with either VOX (not recommended if you might make comments about the surrounding environment) or handlebar mounted PTT.

The antenna mounts shouldn't be a big problem but I have not decided on a rear rack. A bicycle flag is a great form to wind your own antenna onto as well.

What is the "pannier" rack and where might I see a picture or two of this beast?

73 - Mike - K9JRI
Indianapolis, IN

> Just for background, this setup will go on my commuter bike, which is a
> Cannondale Hybrid with a rear pannier rack.
>
> Also, how can I work 96 contries and 50 states? ;)
>
> 72 de N9SE
> Marty Ray
> Sharpsville, IN

64. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-29 15:41:03 UTC
From: w.marty.ray@delphiauto.com
Topic: 62 Message: 64

Mike Wrote:
"I have all of the same questions that you just posed...I plan to use hamsticks as well and a
Larsen 270 for vhf/uhf..."

Yeah, I have a Larsen 2/70 too...but we don't do much 70cm up this way.

"...a helmet mounted earphone/mic was a real plus..."

Have you figured out a good way to mount something to a bike helmet?
I have a cheap Pryme ear-bud / boom mic that I used with an HT that has a broken-off ear piece. I'm thinking of using that somehow. I'm still not sure about wires running all over the place, though.

"The antenna mounts shouldn't be a big problem but I have not decided on a rear rack...What is the "pannier" rack and where might I see a picture or two of
this beast?"

Try Bike Nashbar. They have some rear racks. I got mine at BGI on 86th street.

Marty Ray
N9SE
Sharpsville, IN

65. RE: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-29 17:16:55 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 62 Message: 65

One time on the bike I used a Pyrme/something-or-another small boom mic/earpiece for my 2m HT. I found that I had to wear the helmet (not that I am in the habit of not) in order to hold the earpiece in place. I think their was some wind noise problems too, but I did this quite a while ago. It might work well for you--I used one of those 1/4 wave rubber ducks (it was a dual band antenna too), and stuck it in the waist band of my pants, on my backside. Since I am always leaning when pedaling, the antenna cleared my body somewhat, and wasn't as detuned when operating. Then, if one falls off the bike, or during normal dismount, you and the radio go together.

Might want someway to secure the radio to yourself though--so it doesn't fall off during a good bump.

Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
Product Development Engineer - Sensors
Allegro MicroSystems, Inc
Concord, NH
603.228.5533 ext. 429

-----Original Message-----
From: w.marty.ray@... [mailto:w.marty.ray@...]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2001 10:41 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

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Sharpsville, IN

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66. RE: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-29 17:44:34 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 62 Message: 66

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> my backside. Since I am always leaning when pedaling, the antenna cleared
> my body somewhat, and wasn't as detuned when operating. Then, if one falls
> off the bike, or during normal dismount, you and the radio go together.

My antenna is far enough behind the bike (it's a 19" horizontal piece of PVC with twin-lead inside it and a 39" stinger mounted vertically on the end and bolted to one of the conductors of the twin-lead....in other words, a J-pole with the bottom 1/4-wave turned 90 and stuffed in PVC) that it's out of my way for dismounts. But it's a pain to hold the bike up and walk around the back of it.

> Might want someway to secure the radio to yourself though--so it doesn't
> fall off during a good bump.

I have a piece of belt hose-clamped to my handlebars over a thick piece of closed-cell foam. I hang the radio by it's belt-clip, and then use a toeclip strp to cinch it down tight on the stem (I have a high-rise stem).

67. more FT-817 Handheld DX with 2 ft $9.95 RS Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-29 19:05:33 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 67 Message: 67

Just talked to Daniel, F5BBD, in northern France, about 5km from the Belgium border on 28.502 MHz USB at 12:03pm Milwaukee time. I was using my new FT-817 with internal rechargeable AA batteries (output about 2.5 watts!) and my shortened/retuned 2 ft. $9.95 Radio Shack CB antenna sticking out the back of it. I was just standing there behind the building where I work holding the thing like an HT. I can tell you now that it's going to be a great summer bicycle mobiling....

:-)

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/Bicycle mobile

68. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-29 19:22:47 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 62 Message: 68

Ray,

Look in Radio Shack's latest consumer catalog. they have a PTT/VOX headset/boom mike intended to be mounted on a bike helmet. It is their part number 19-321 and it sells for $24.95. I have not seen it other than the catalog picture but it looks like it is worth a trip to the "Shack" to get a closer look.

I went to BGI today and looked at some racks and panniers. Thanks!

73 - Mike - K9JRI

----- Original Message -----
From: w.marty.ray@...
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2001 10:41 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

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sure about wires running all over the place, though.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

69. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-29 20:03:02 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 62 Message: 69

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I have that. It worked pretty well until one of the kids moved my bike around the rom without looking at the mic which was tangled in the spokes (don't ask me how - I wasn't there). I never was able to get it soldered back together right. The wires each have individual insulation anodized on or something and it just doesn't seem to work like you'd normally expect.

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71. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-29 21:49:00 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 62 Message: 71

Well..... that doesn't make bicycle mobile look quite like so much fun. Good valid comments but I will have to try to suppress the thoughts lest it screw up my hobby :-) Just two days ago I was on the way home with a new bike.... talking to kb9hr on 442.65 and got a call on the PCS phone from my wife. Guiding a brand new, unfamilar bike with no hands really was unsettling :-)

Seriously Boyd, you have a very good point.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

----- Original Message -----
From: Boyd Roberson II
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2001 16:40 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Hmm.. What about radio related accidents while on the bike?
Assuming the statistics concerning the use of a cell-phone while driving a car are correct, I'd have to assume the same would especially apply to the use of a radio while trying to ride a bicycle in/near any traffic..

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

72. Re: Mic/speaker survey & my proposed setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-30 03:38:23 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 62 Message: 72

Hmmm.... Almost thirty years of bicycle mobile ham radio operating and now I find out that it might not be quite so much fun... :-(

And statiscally, I might have gotten into an accident while talking on my radio and cycling at the same time... :-(

I guess paying a lot of attention to what I was doing and not attempting to do more things than I could handle at once has paid off for me.

Elroy
WB9GIE

--- In BMHA@y..., "Michael Blake" <m.b.blake@w...> wrote:
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73. Bone-conduction microphone/speaker; bicycle cop setups

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-03-30 19:49:11 UTC
From: xtalradio@aol.com
Topic: 73 Message: 73

Two companies have come out with a really slick setup for bicycle cops to use with two-way radios. Savox has a bone-conduction microphone/speaker that mounts inside the helmet, with an external PTT.
Telex has a helmet-mounted microphone speaker combo called "Stinger", with remotable PTT. The Telex is completely waterproof and the Savox is water resistant.
They both are using the new standard 1/4 inch break-away connectors like you see on fire and hazmat setups.
I saw both of these at the International Wireless Communications Expo yesterday in Las Vegas.

Bonnie KQ6XA

74. FT-817 using Radio Shack Headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-02 14:44:09 UTC
From: w.marty.ray@delphiauto.com
Topic: 74 Message: 74

Has anyone used the RS helmet-mounted headset with the FT-817?
I tried it this weekend and had no luck getting audio into the radio.
I think the radio wants to use a dynamic mic and the RS headset mic is electret,
I think.
To make this work, I think I need to provide a bias voltage to the mic element
and also probably some amplification. Perhaps there is an easier alternative...

Any comments?

Thanks!

Marty Ray, N9SE
Sharpsville, IN

75. RE: [BMHA] FT-817 using Radio Shack Headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-02 14:50:15 UTC
From: Joe Hoepfner
Topic: 74 Message: 75

You may want to check which radios this headset will work with. My past experience with RS is that there was at least Yaesu radios that they would not work with. The mic and speaker connections are reversed from the other models. I know it works with Alinco, Kenwood and Icom.

Joe Hoepfner
1612 Scoggin St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-0270

-----Original Message-----
From: w.marty.ray@... [SMTP:w.marty.ray@...]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2001 9:44 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com; ft-817@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] FT-817 using Radio Shack Headset?

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76. Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-05 20:04:39 UTC
From: m.b.blake@worldnet.att.net
Topic: 76 Message: 76

I am setting my bike up for mobile operation and would enjoy seeing
some jpeg pictures of some of your setups.

A small jpeg would be nice.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

k9jri@...

77. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-06 13:35:32 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 77 Message: 77

Hi, > I am setting my bike up for mobile operation and would enjoy seeing > some jpeg pictures of some of your setups. > Pictures of my bicycle mobile setup can be found by either visiting my website (below) or going to the BMHA page in YahooGroups. Click on the FILES link. This is an area where any of us can upload photos. 73, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

78. Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-06 17:41:38 UTC
From: Man Mohan
Topic: 76 Message: 78

Attached picture was taken by Al / ve7nan while he was providing ham communication support on one of the enroute check-points of " Bike-For-Life " 200 km run-summer 2000 on Vancouver Island.

Description :
-EZ-1 Easy Racer Recumbent Bike
-On handlebar....TH-D7A .....VC-H1 .....GPSIII+ > for 2 meter fm link, aprs and sstv
-On crossbar ....TH-750 ...4 amp gell cell > for 15 meter operation
-Front antenna .....ANLI AL-800 .... 2m / 70cm
-Rear antenna .....Ten Tec 3115 ....15m
-Inside bag .. 5 watt solar panel .. laptop .. tape recorder .. food for human with helmet

* During " Bike-For-Life " summer-2000..Bike-In-Motion-Qrp provided mobile 2m/fm network link and transmitted aprs position beacons every minute on my 100 km trip.

* During " Bike-For-Life " summer-1999... same bike was on my 35 km trip with live sstv while in motion, which was captured by British Columbia's CHEK 6 TV .... also transmitted enroute sstv images on 2m/fm to Alex/ve7scb base station.......Frank /ve7dsn riding his own bike 5to15 meter behind me, copied some of cw qso's from the audio blaring out of my TH-750.

* Vancouver Island to New Zealand Bike-In-Motion-Qrp ssb qso on 10 meter with Max/zl1bk on Feb. 21, 2001 was from the same bike but with an Index Lab QRP++ pushing 5 watt to a homebrew center-loaded 6 ft. vertical.

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79. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-06 17:54:38 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 79

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /VE7FM/Qrp-bk1.jpg
Uploaded by : ve7fm@...
Description : Bike-In-Motion-Qrp

You can access this file at the URL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/VE7FM/Qrp-bk1.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

ve7fm@...

80. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-06 18:07:23 UTC
From: ve7fm@hotmail.com
Topic: 76 Message: 80

The picture attachment in my message # 78 did not go through and now
I have the picture posted in Files under VE7FM Bike-In-Motion-Qrp.

Mohan http://www.island.net/~mohan

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81. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-06 19:30:32 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 81

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http://y42.photos.yahoo.com/bc/wb9gie/lst?.dir=/WB9GIE+Bicycle+Mobile

The URL is kinda long. Hope there's no "text wrap-around" problems with it.

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/Bicycle Mobile
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

82. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-06 21:58:20 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 82

This off of the Weather Underground. So, OK, maybe I won't peddle up to Amateur Electronic Supply Saturday....

Statement as of 3:25 pm CDT on April 6, 2001:

...High Wind Watch For Saturday...

howling southwest winds 30 to 45 mph with possible gusts 50 to 60 mph will tear through south central and southeast Wisconsin Saturday. Motorists with high profile vehicles and those traveling on east west roadways should use extreme caution...as vehicles can be pushed over by the powerful winds. Any loose outdoor objects should be tied down or stored indoors.

:-(

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/Bicycle Mobile
Milwaukee,WI

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> Elroy
> WB9GIE/qrp/Bicycle Mobile
> Milwaukee, Wisconsin

83. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-06 22:41:55 UTC
From: ve7fm@hotmail.com
Topic: 76 Message: 83

--- In BMHA@y..., WB9GIE@w... wrote:

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Great pictures, Elroy.... I enjoyed going through everyone of
them...will look forward seeing more of them with FT-817 in action.
72/73

Mohan http://www.island.net/~mohan

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84. Re: [HFpack] HFpack On-The-Air this weekend

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-07 16:45:02 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 84 Message: 84

Guy,

I have had similar questions on bicycle mobile. 2M & 70CM is not a problem but HF/SSB requires a little thought even to just listen while in motion. The radio gear is usually behing you on a bike as well or at least I think it usually is. I have an SG-2020 ready to go on the bike soon. I only have a few dozen remaining problems :-)

73 - Mike - K9JRI

----- Original Message -----
From: Guy Boucher
To: hfpack@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2001 12:19 PM
Subject: Re: [HFpack] HFpack On-The-Air this weekend

I think the walkers are operating on a fixed freq until they stop and adjust?
I know this is all basic, but I am a simple fellow who gets all involved with details.
bye 73Guy
guyboucher@...
KF9XX

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

85. Re: [HFpack] HFpack On-The-Air this weekend

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-07 20:05:47 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 84 Message: 85

Well, I now have my FT-817 mounted on my front handlebars just to the right of my communication speaker up there. The old Argonaut would have looked somewhat out of place up there, but the FT-817 goes into a new mounting bracket/tray that I built this week and then painted black to match the handlebars and it looks just fine. Pictures will be posted in the next week or so on my Yahoo! photo page showing the FT-817's placement. Frequency changes, volume, mode selection (AM, FM, LSB, USB, CW), band changes (75m-440 Mhz), etc, can all be done as is done normally, that is reach down and make the adjustment. If one does not feel safe making the adjustment while in motion, i.e., heavy traffic, roads that are pot-hole intense, or for any reason, you can stop the bike and make the change, which does not seem like a problem to me. I've sat on one HF frequency for hours working all of the stations that wanted to talk to the guy on the bike or just ragchewing with a couple of hams. Ned, WC4X or Mike, NF0N, and others can probably tell you all the number of times I used to check in on the BMHA net on 20m SSB on Sunday afternoons and I used to chat with others afterwards, all using the Argonaut mounted on the back. The new FT-817 has memories where nearly everything important can be saved in the memory location along with the frequency which to me really simplifies bicycle mobile ham radio operation.

I'm maybe not understanding the question yet, and correct me if I'm wrong, but it sounds to me like "How can I walk/cycle down the street and change stations or even listen to SSB on my radio at the same time I'm moving/walking/cycling?". In a way it's sorta like taking Drivers ED, learning how to drive, getting a new car, figuring out how the stereo is set up, how to turn the headlights/windshield wipers on, and then using it until you don't really have to think about how you do it, when the time comes, you just do it. Before, you got your drivers license, you probably were wondering how anyone can drive and tune/listen to a talk show on the car radio in rush hour traffic. Years later, it's no big deal, you just do it. It's just that once you can, you can, and if you do it for years, well, things become sorta 2nd nature. When I'm listening to SSB, for example, on 14.253 Mhz, and there's a number of stations on a net, if one ham comes on and is slghtly off frequency, you just reach down and adjust the tuning knob until he sounds clear. You don't have to look around for the knob to find it because it's in the same spot it's been in for years, or you don't even take your eyes off the road to check the frequency display, because wherever you end up, you're still only a few Hz from where you started from, not out of the band somewhere.

If all of this is brand new for you, or for example, you haven't ridden a bike since you were a kid and now you're 43 years old and you want to work 30m CW from the bike but don't know code yet and you don't have a bike yet, you're going to have to take the time to become familiar with your ham equipment and develop efficient and safe operating technique, ride the bike everyday, etc. otherwise it's definitely not fun, and you're likely to be dangerous to yourself and others. But, once you do, you'll have the time of yor life!!! When I went from the 3-speed Huffy to the 21-speed Trek 7000 I thought I wouldn't be able to operate as easily as I had become used to on the 3-speed and almost thought that I wouldn't operate HF anymore, at least from the Trek. After I got used to the way the shifting worked and how the new bike handled, it became easier and now, after having the Trek for 8 years, I don't even think about the worries I initially had.

I guarantee you, I still get into situations where you don't fool around with the radio, but you deal with the situation(s) at hand. They just had the first baseball game at Milwaukee's new Miller Park yesterday evening and had I been out cycling and hamming it up and nearby when the game let out, I would have put the mic down and concentrated on driving defensively knowing that the motor vehicle traffic is intense and people have been drinking for the past few hours, or are emotional about a big win or loss, or... Safety has to come first.

With all of that said and done, the whole bicycle mobile thing has been really fun for me. I still get excited with a new radio, new country, etc...

Guy, Mike, and others out there, when you get set up, or if you are set up now, I'd sure like to be able to set up a sked with you and give you all an HF QRP bicycle mobile contact from Wisconsin. Also, I'm taking a two week bicycle trip from Milwaukee to Northern Iowa, Southern Iowa, back across Illinois and then back into Wisconsin and I'll be leaving Saturday June 9th and should be gone for about two weeks. I'll be operating the FT-817 and FX-5R on the bicycle from campsites along the Mississippi River, from Clear Lake, Iowa, where Buddy Holly and friends played their last show, from Rosemon Bridge, the covered bridge in the book/movie "The Bridges of Madison County, from Alpine Valley, near East Troy, Wisconsin, where Stevie Ray Vaughan played his last show, from Waukesha, Wis, where Les Paul decided to mount pick-up coils on a guitar and amplify the thing.... and a lot of other places along the way. Hope to work a lot of you from these places from the bike. Looks like about a 1,000 mile trip and I hope to make sure I get back safely and in one piece!

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobie
Milwaukee, Wis.

--- In BMHA@y..., "Michael Blake" <m.b.blake@w...> wrote:
> Guy,
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> I have had similar questions on bicycle mobile. 2M & 70CM is not a problem but HF/SSB requires a little thought even to just listen while in motion. The radio gear is usually behing you on a bike as well or at least I think it usually is. I have an SG-2020 ready to go on the bike soon. I only have a few dozen remaining problems :-)
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> 73 - Mike - K9JRI

> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Guy Boucher
> To: hfpack@y...
> Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2001 12:19 PM
> Subject: Re: [HFpack] HFpack On-The-Air this weekend
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>
> I think the walkers are operating on a fixed freq until they stop and adjust?
> I know this is all basic, but I am a simple fellow who gets all involved with details.
> bye 73Guy
> guyboucher@t...
> KF9XX
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> [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

86. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-07 20:13:24 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 86

Thanks, Mohan!

New pictures will be up soon!

Your web page looks great and is very interesting, as is your QTH and the area around it!

The West coast sounds good on a number of different ham bands here from the bike in Wisconsin. Let me know if you'd like a sked set up!

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/Bicycle Mobile
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

--- In BMHA@y..., ve7fm@h... wrote:
> --- In BMHA@y..., WB9GIE@w... wrote:
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> > I just put 22 older photos on a Yahoo!
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> Great pictures, Elroy.... I enjoyed going through everyone of
> them...will look forward seeing more of them with FT-817 in action.
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87. Mohan VE7FM: HFpack Photo of the Week

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-08 23:15:46 UTC
From: xtalradio@aol.com
Topic: 87 Message: 87

HFpack Photo of the Week:
Mohan VE7FM rides into the HFpack Hall of Fame on his recumbant bike /HPM.

Mohan is well known for his "Bike In Motion" DX contacts with other
hfpackers. He currently holds the HFpack Hall of Fame distance record for
Human Powered Mobile. Look for him on the HFpack frequencies, as he
frequently bikes around Vancouver Island on all modes... CW-SSB-SSTV-ATV-DATA

HFpack Photo of the Week:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hfpack

Interested in being the next HFpack Photo of the Week?
Post a photo of yourself with your gear on HFpack!

Bonnie KQ6XA
HFpack moderator

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88. Life of 12vdc, 7.2ah gel battery?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-09 00:54:31 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 88 Message: 88

I have my bicycle mobile ready to go except for the battery. My choice is a very expensive ($130) 13.2vdc, 4ah NiMH that is designed to fit into the water bottle mount on the Bike. The other choice is a very in-expensive ($25) 12 vdc, 7.2ah Gell battery which will fit into the Rack Pack along with the radio.

My concern is that most lead acid batteries do not last very long if run down repeatedly. What can I expect the lifetime of the gel battery to be? It will probably be used 2-3 times a week to power either and FT-50RD dualband HT or an SG-2020 HF SSB rig.

The manufacturers rating on the 13.2 NiMH is for a minimum of 150 recharge cycles. It was designed to power a 20watt bicycle headlight system.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

89. RE: [BMHA] Life of 12vdc, 7.2ah gel battery?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-09 13:04:43 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 88 Message: 89

If it was me...

I'd go with the RS battery. (You might find a cheaper source also.) Why? I know that lead acid's don't like to be charge/discharged the same way the NiMH, or discharged the same way (as under a load), but for the price... I'm pretty sure with the usage cycle you describe, the lead acid would go 150 charge/recharge cycles for 1/5th the cost. As long as the RS battery is rated at the max current draw of the 817, that is. Plus, I think lead acid has a much lower self discharge rate too.

The only disadvantage is the larger size and weight, and the fact that it won't fit into a water bottle cage.

Another way to look at it--even if you replace the lead acid every summer, you could go 5 years for the price of that fancy battery. By then, the situation could be a) the NiMH battery gets even cheaper or b) there would be an even better battery out there.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Blake [mailto:m.b.blake@...]
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2001 8:55 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com; hfpack@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Life of 12vdc, 7.2ah gel battery?

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BMHA-unsubscribe@egroups.com

Feel free to contact the list owner at ke4wmf@... for questions and/or suggestions.

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90. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-09 22:12:53 UTC
From: Skip_LaFetra@hp.com
Topic: 76 Message: 90

I wrote an article which appeared in the April 1998 issue of CQ-VHF magazine. It has several photographs of my bicycle-mobile rig.

http://www.LaFetra.com/Skip/AA6WK/Articles/CQ-VHF/April-1998.htm

- Skip AA6WK

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91. Re: Life of 12vdc, 7.2ah gel battery?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-09 23:12:14 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 91 Message: 91

Hi, > My concern is that most lead acid batteries do not last very long if run > down repeatedly. What can I expect the lifetime of the gel battery to be? > It will probably be used 2-3 times a week to power either and FT-50RD > I've been running a 12V 6.5-Ah battery for years. I know it's been recharged well over 150. I've HTs, 30-watt amplifiers, TVs, and air pumps off it. It's been flawless and, as mentioned, replacements come cheap! I keep mine in a large bag under the seat. Good Luck with your decision, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

92. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-10 17:13:57 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 92

Here's some current WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobile photos on my Yahoo! photo page (the first couple of photos) showing the FT817 mounted on the handlebars. What a difference from the days of the Argonaut! The film was the last of some ASA 800 in the camera since last September so I'll be shooting some fresh ASA 100 in the next batch.

http://y42.photos.yahoo.com/bc/wb9gie/lst?.dir=/WB9GIE+Bicycle+Mobile

Last night I added all of my favorite FM broadcast stations and some public service things like Milwaukee police to the FT817memory channels. Will be adding some favorite International Broadcast stuff too. Everything's right there and easy to get at.

On the battery thing, my gel-cels would last for at least a couple of years with daily usage when used with the Argonaut and a two meter rig, and, most of the time I picked up the gel-cels at swapfests so, I didn't know their exact age/prior-usage status when I started using them.

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WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobile
Milwaukee, WI

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93. Re: [BMHA] Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-10 20:26:20 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 76 Message: 93

Elroy,

Very nice installation and pictures. Where is the 75M Bugcatcher :-) ?

I am ready to go on 2M & 70CM (FT-50 & Larsen DualBand) and have already made several nice local contacts. The SG-2020 is still waiting on juice. I would like to avoid the weight of two 12vdc 7ah Gels but that will be the cheapest way to go. They are $19.95 apiece at the local HobbyTown USA here in Indianapolis.

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You can see some pictures of at this site:

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Look under pictures of the week for both the April 7 & April 9 dates. Whaddayathink?

73 - Mike - K9JRI

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From: WB9GIE@...
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 12:13 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

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94. Re: [BMHA] Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-10 23:56:45 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 76 Message: 94

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- and if anyone thinks you can't handlebar-mount a rig on a bike with
front shocks, my Gary Fisher Big Sur with Elecraft K2, that'll go
anywhere (except where there's a lot of overgrowth to interfere with the
antenna!):
http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/garyk2.html

73, JC

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95. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-11 00:02:42 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 95

Your antenna mounts look just fine, Mike! Nice looking Indianapolis-a rea "Real-Hams" web page, too! I'm workingf on bicycle/ham radio web page too, hopefully to be up and running by May 1st.

Thanks for the nice comments on the new photos. Actually, I take 75m & 40m Hustler resonator coils with me on my long trips. They allow me to talk back home to Milwaukee from campgrounds within a couple hundred miles from home, but I don't like that size antenna coil while in motion. OK, 40m SSB is sorta fun in motion, but, as far as most of the time in the city it just attracts too much attention! I feel much more comfortable with coils for 20m and up. In the current photos you see my 2m J-pole which is my primary antenna on my trips as I like talking to the locals in the areas I'm unfamiliar with. Get a chance for a lot of friendly eyeball contacts that way too! But, if I'm bored or in an area with low activity I'll get on 20m, 15m, or 10m SSB, at least I did in the old days, now I can get on 30m CW, 17m, 12m, 6m SSB & FM, 2m SSB & FM, and 432 SSB & 440 FM too! I still can't believe I have all of that ability thanks to the new Yaesu FT-817! I also have an VX-5R for the bike too.

I've had the bigger brick-size (7amp-12v) gel-cels on my bike for years and also two 4amps in parallel at times, but, this time on my Iowa trip I'm thinking of using some smaller 1.2 amp gel-cels stuffed inside water bottles in my bottle mounts. I also have a D-cell battery holder from back in the early 70's which I think I'll take along "empty" and if I can't get my re-chargeables charged for some reason on the trip then I can pop in some alkaline D's and be ready for some serious operating under emergency "back-up" power supply conditions and then toss them after I get the rechargeables replenished. Currently, for the FT-817, I use 8 MAHA AA NiMH rechargeable batteries inside the rig which I pop out and re-charge in a MAHA MH-C204F Smart Charger and for the amount of operating I do going to and from work and during a 1 hour lunch every day, I've never had them run down yet. So, I've gotten by without dragging any extra batteries of any type with me. By the way, $19.95 sounds like a pretty good price for the 12v-7amp batteries. I'm not familiar with the SG-2020's current/voltage needs, but, your plan sounds like it would provide a good constant 14 volts for the rig.

I noticed in the current issues of CQ and QST that they mention that the submarine U.S.S. Cobia, parked on Lake Michigan at Manitowoc, WI, will be have a special event station going the last weekend of April. You might want to rig up something with your SG-2020 for one of those elusive "bicycle-to-submarine" HF contacts! I worked the U.S.S. Silversides parked in Muskegon, MI as a special events station a few years back from the old 3-speed Huffy on 40m SSB with the Argonaut

and got a nice certificate for that. I also worked the U.S.S. Enterprise out in the Atlantic somewhere on 20m but that's another story...

Thanks again for the nice comments, Mike.

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobile
Milwaukee, WI

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96. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-11 00:13:17 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 96

John, that mini-paddle setup is awesome! I might need to borrow that idea for my setup, as I don't really have a good CW setup, but, the FT817 is capable and has a built-in keyer too. I also, have the optional CW filter already installed. And thanks for the idea for the speaker deflector. I just held up a piece of plastic in front of the FT817 speaker and the deflector concept works better than one can imagine, almost like an audio illusion! If you don't mind I think I'll borrow that idea too! That'll free up my speaker next to the FT817 for the audio from the VX-5R to come out from!

Thanks!

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobile
Milwaukee, WI

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97. FYI - Adventure Radio Society

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-11 00:48:10 UTC
From: jbcumming@wwdc.com
Topic: 97 Message: 97

For BMHA members, the Adventure Radio Society is another super source of information and inspiration. Bicycle mobiling fits very nicely in ARS's philosophy: "ARS promotes a sense of adventure by supporting radio operation from beautiful and remarkable places. We sponsor events that encourage the use of human-powered travel, in its myriad forms, to reach outdoor operating sites. We support the development of imaginative equipment and antennas"
If you would like to see a 1935 handlebar-mounted broadcast radio receiver, there is a link from the following ARS Sojourner article http://www.natworld.com/ars/pages/back_issues/1999_text/0299_text/1935.html (Links at the bottom of the article will lead you to other ARS information, including articles on bicycle camping trips.
Of course, in 1935 WB9NUF was already active bicycle mobile on the 5 meter band (for that picture, you'll have to acquire back issues of the BMHA newsletter!). Speaking of which, the latest newsletter is another fb job, Scott!

73, John VE3JC

98. New FT-817'er

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-11 01:08:34 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 98 Message: 98

Hello to the group. I just put in my order for the FT-817 today and looking forward to receiving it later this week. I hope to mount it on my Lightning P-38 Recumbent. I have been watching all of the discussion on this group and the HFPack group and am seeing lot's of ideas for it already. Elroy, I'll be watching your notes as you have the most experience on doing this.

I am also working the second time around for All Counties and hope to eventually give out a few counties on the net on 14.336. They have 18 wheelers giving out the counties, so why not a bicycle mobile ! We just won't go through as many counties in a day as an 18 wheeler.

I also want to put in a plug for the Dayton HamVention Forum on May 20. It is in room #2. I hope to also do the Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride on the 19th. Hope many of you can make it and I look forward to meeting many of you there. See the latest BMHA Newsletter that is just about to be mailed, for all the details. See the BMHA website for details also.

73-Mike, NF0N

99. Re: New FT-817'er

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-11 01:55:29 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 98 Message: 99

Mike, good to hear from you again! It was nice to meet you in person at my BMHA presentation at Dayton back in 1994 and on the Argonaut all of the times I checked in to the BMHA 20m SSB net on Sunday afternoons when you were net control.

I believe you will be very pleased with your new FT817 when you get it! I can hardly believe that such a radio exists for bicycle mobile use! There's a Yahoo! group for FT817 users that you might already know about, but, if you don't, here's the web address:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FT817

It's a really great source of info on the rig and there's plenty of people in the group to answer any questions you might have from their personal point of view on the rig, options, third party antennas & accessories, etc. Between the FT817, HFpack and BMHA groups, almost any piece of portable/bicycle/etc info can be had and new ideas traded.

I notice Ned Mountain, WC4X, is giving a presentation for BMHA at this year's Dayton Hamfest. I won't be able to make this years hamfest but I would really appreciate it if you say Hi to Ned for me, Mike. I remember it was such a thrill to work him bicycle-to-bicycle from Wisconsin to Georgia, qrp at both ends, the first time back in the early 1990's! We had a couple of interesting people listening in at both ends too, like the ARRL Section Manager for Wisconsin back then, and, Doug Ingram, K4TWJ, who has "The World of New Ideas" column in CQ Magazine. I think everyone got a big kick out of it at the time, and it is still one of my favorite moments in ham radio. Maybe you can get Ned to talk about his multiple band HF antenna he came up with as I think it is one of the coolest bicycle ham radio ideas ever.

Mike, if you guys want to try a sked with a bicycle station from Wisconsin for your Dayton rides, just let me know. I think it will be great fun trying! With all of the solar flares and high sunspot numbers almost anything could happen. We just might pull it off via aurora on 2m SSB!!!

Anyway, good to hear from you again, Mike.

73's

Elroy
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100. RE: [BMHA] Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-11 14:38:34 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 76 Message: 100

Does the SG-2020 really need rock steady 12.5V or more? Seems to me that you would be burning off lots of power by this scheme. As in, it'd be better to make your own NiCAD or alkaline pack using enough batteries to get 14V instead, and not regulate this.

Side note: My Century 21 has an internal power supply; it steps the 120 down toabout 23V, and then uses a pass 2n3055 to generate 12.5V. At 50W or so out, the metal around the transistor gets very warm, while the heatsink on the final does not even start to warm! Talk about lost power. I know that you won't be operating at 50W output, but I mentioned it as a side note.

Anyhow, back to your problem. Are you sure that you need that 12.5V? Can the SG-2020 run on 11V? Or can it be modified for stable operation on 11V? (I say this because a lead acid, if I'm not mistaken, is about dead when it gets to 11V.)

Too bad one can't get into the frame of the bike; I'd suspect one could pack in a bunch of C-sized batteries. Maybe down the tube that the seat post goes into?

Dont forget to isolate the regulator from the pass transistor--the 7815 is a grounded case, if I'm not mistaken, but the 2n3055 has the collector tied to the case. And I think the 7815 will need ceramic bypass caps, or at least I would add 'em (certainly easier to do before adding epoxy/caulk!).

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Very nice installation and pictures. Where is the 75M Bugcatcher :-) ?

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My latest plan is to put the 2 in series and then feed the 24vdc into a single 2N3055 series regulator with a 7815 providing the reference voltage. that should give me 14.4 vdc all the way down to battery exhaust. I will probably mount it on a small piece of 2.5" x 1/8" aluminum and bolt it to the rear rack bracket that connects the rack to the braze-ons or put it on the antenna mount bracket itself (that will be clear if you look at the pictures. If I pot the connection side in epoxy or silicon calk it should be okay. Heat should not be a problem out in the open like that.

You can see some pictures of at this site:

http://www.realham.gen.in.us/

Look under pictures of the week for both the April 7 & April 9 dates. Whaddayathink?

73 - Mike - K9JRI

101. Re: [BMHA] Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-11 18:28:21 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 76 Message: 101

Shawn,

Several people have commented about the "wasted" power when the real issue is cost. The pair of 12vdc SLAs will cost $40.00 and I already have the regulator parts. Also 2 SLAs will charge quite easily as you merely float them at the proper voltage.

The big "down side" is the heat and risk of regulator failure. At peak current it will be 50 watts even though it will be for very limited periods of time. Since the entire operation is out in open air and the bike has a rather large metal mass I think the heat can be handled. The prospect of regulator failure can also be addressed with a simple fuse/crowbar circuit.

The down side to the NiMH solution is that 1.2vdc 8ah NiMH cells cost $17.00 each. That makes a pack of 12 VERY expensive as well as difficult to charge with chargers I have available (Maha Universal stops at 10 cell packs).

Of all the suggestions I have received the one that is starting to make the most sense is the 12vdc, 7ah SLA and one 2vdc SLA or two 1.2vdc, 8ah NiMh in series. Both would be easy to charge and no electronics would be involved. Either the 2vdc SLA cell or the 8ah NiMHs will cost more than the second 12vdc, 7ah SLA though.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

----- Original Message -----
From: Upton, Shawn
To: 'BMHA@yahoogroups.com'
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2001 9:38 AM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Does the SG-2020 really need rock steady 12.5V or more? Seems to me that
you would be burning off lots of power by this scheme. As in, it'd be
better to make your own NiCAD or alkaline pack using enough batteries to get
14V instead, and not regulate this.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

102. SG- 2020 Battery safe range 10.8~17.9V

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-12 01:04:11 UTC
From: xtalradio@aol.com
Topic: 102 Message: 102

Mike - K9JRI writes:

> Does the SG-2020 really need rock steady 12.5V or more?

The "safe" range of the SG-2020 is 10.8V to 17.9V.
The optimum is either 7 lead acid cells or 12 NiCad cells.
For "gel cell" batteries, that means a 6V and a 4V pack in series.

12V 7Ah gel cell (6 lead acid cells) will be useful on the SG-2020 for only about half the rated battery capacity (3 or 4Ah). It will also be prone to microprocessor glitch reset problems. However, 7 lead acid cells at 7Ah will provide full 7Ah capacity, and may be utilized effectively down to 1.6V/cell.

Bonnie KQ6XA

103. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-13 23:20:47 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 103

I just added some more current FT817 bicycle station photos taken during lunchtime at work today by a co-worker with a nice digital camera.

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobile
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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104. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-13 23:23:05 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 104

I probably should have added the link on that last post. Here it is:

http://y42.photos.yahoo.com/bc/wb9gie/lst?.dir=/WB9GIE+Bicycle+Mobile

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105. Re: [BMHA] Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-14 13:47:22 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 76 Message: 105

Elroy,

Nice pictures! I was a little bit surprised that you were sitting on the seat and still able to "flat foot" both feet. What is the frame size?

My installation is still in process but the VHF/UHF installation is close to complete and the HF rig is about ready. Still haven't made up my mind on power source.... decisions take me a while :-)

Pictures are under "Pictures of the week" on this web page:

http://www.realham.gen.in.us/

73 - Mike - K9JRI

----- Original Message -----
From: WB9GIE@...
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2001 18:23 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

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106. Re: Pictures of your Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-14 15:06:28 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 76 Message: 106

Thanks Mike, but I'm not flat footing it in the picture at all but it sure looks like that! I was actually on spongy moist ground on a little bit of a slope, with one foot inside the peddle cage thingy and the other foot tippy-toed to the ground wih the bike sinking in to the ground a bit! The guy with the camera is also on the side of the hill looking down somewhat at me. You're right though, when you add all of that up and look at the photo, it almost looks like i'm on something much smaller.

The frame is actually large (22" frame, 26" tires) and when standing next to the bike on asphalt the top of the seat is just about at the bottom of my belt.

Hope to work you soon, Mike!

Elroy
WB9GIE

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107. SG-2020 at 10.5vdc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-15 14:07:17 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 107 Message: 107

I have been running my SG-2020 on an adjustable regulated supply, at 10vdc, for a couple of days now with no adverse events other than low output power (10 watts). The point at which the regulators seem to drop out on my version 1.07, SG-2020 is about 10.2 vdc. At that point the frequency starts to change as the voltage changes but everything else seems to be stable until about 9.9vdc.

I have received a great many comments from the group on how to power the 2020 on my bike. I really appreciate all of them as they were all very thought provoking. As I am quite new to this type of operation cost was very important as I might make only a handfull of contacts before I drive the bike off a cliff (due to inattention :-)..... To that point, is HF operation while underway feasible or is it normally accomplished while stationary so that a counterpoise can be deployed?

I have decided on my starting point:

One 12vdc, 7ah, SLA ($19.95 at HobbyTown USA) with two D cells in series when I want to run more power. Duracel Ds appear to be rated at about 14ah so that should be a reasonable initial solution from a cost/dB perspective.

Many thanks to all of you for your thoughts and approaches to the problem. I should be on the air for next weekends schedules.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

108. Correction to: [BMHA] SG-2020 at 10.5vdc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-15 18:30:49 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 108 Message: 108

Changed 10 vdc to 10.5 vdc in first sentence. Silly me!
----- Original Message -----
From: Michael Blake
To: hfpack@yahoogroups.com ; BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2001 9:07 AM
Subject: [BMHA] SG-2020 at 10.5vdc

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109. Easter Sunday

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-16 16:53:32 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 109 Message: 109

I cycled out to my parent's place in Brookfield, WI, just west of Milwaukee, in the next county for a family get-together on Easter Sunday and I worked Bob, W6PU, near Springer, New Mexico, from the bicycle on 20m USB just before noontime. He was at an elevation a little over 6,000 ft. and it sounded like he was really thrilled to work an HF bicycle mobile. It was a genuine 1/2 hour rag-chewing QSO, no QRM problems at either end. MY FT817's 2.5 watts using it's internal rechargeable AA batteries sounded good from Bob's report and his signal was well over S9 throughout the whole contact.

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/Bicycle Mobile
Milwaukee, WI.

110. Small CW paddle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-17 20:58:38 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 110 Message: 110

Somebody posted this link on the FT817 users group. It's a link for a small CW paddle and the key looks pretty cool for a potential CW setup on a bicycle station with a slide-on/slide-off mount. Anyone in the BMHA group have any experience with this key?

http://www.ulmnetz.de/HANNES/keyer.htm

Elroy
WB9GIE

111. Re: [[BMHA] Small CW paddle]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-17 22:59:37 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 111 Message: 111

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wb5yjx

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112. Re: [[BMHA] Small CW paddle]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-18 13:10:48 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 111 Message: 112

I may try it too, Mike. I e-mailed them from their website and got a really nice reply back right away too, so, they sound friendly enough to deal with. I'll probably order one this weekend.

Elroy
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113. Re: [Re: [[BMHA] Small CW paddle]]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-18 13:20:22 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 113 Message: 113

www.morsex.com has them too.

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114. Bike mobile ready to go

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-19 19:08:48 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 114 Message: 114

I have the bike mobile ready to go and should be on 28.337 mHz. at 1700Z on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 10M is the only antenna that I have completed so I will not be on 15M or 17M.

I hope that making a contact is easier than fabricating a handlebar mount for the SG-2020 :-)

Many thanks to Budd, Elroy and Mohan.... their input helped a bunch.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

2001 GT Nomad LTD bike
2000 SG-2020 v1.07
1943 Operator

115. Re: Bike mobile ready to go

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-19 21:41:31 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 114 Message: 115

You're very welcome, Mike, and good luck. Hope you don't have to deal with solar flares, etc... It's a little too short a distance between us so we probably can't work each other, but, you should be able to get some pretty good DX on ten. You may know this but traditionally May, June, and July are the peak months for Sporadic E (Es) ionospheric propagation (typical distances are 700 to 1200 miles)and as the Es MUF rises the skip distance on lower bands shortens, i.e., if the 10m band was open from Indiana to Colorado and all of a sudden you start to hear Western Illinois in Indiana on 10m Es skip you have a fairly good chance of catching an ionosperic Es opening on the lower TV channels (2-6), FM Broadcast Band, and even 2m and 220 Mhz. Es is a fairly intense propagation mode and I used to work all over the country with 2.5 watts AM on 6m with an old Lafayette 650 back in the 70's when I was most active on that band (not from the bike though). Anyway, keep an eye on 2m simplex if the skip shortens drastically on 10m, you may make a rare distant contact on 2m also. With my new FT817 I plan on keeping an eye on both 10m & 6m SSB from the bike. I've never had 6m SSB on the bike before....

73's & gud DX, Mike

Elroy
WB9GIE
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116. First contact with new Bike mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-20 18:40:48 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 116 Message: 116

I made my first HF SSB bike mobile contact at 1730Z today. The station was a local about 7 miles away and neither he nor I heard any other signals.

The contact was with WB9FAD, George, on 28.337 mHz. Signals were very good in both directions and unlike my other mobile this one did not have any alternator noise :-) George could hear me breathing hard though.

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I plan to be on at about 1700Z tomorrow and Sunday. Please look for me on 28.337 mHz.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

117. Re: First contact with new Bike mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-20 19:40:08 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 116 Message: 117

If you can work the locals a couple of miles away on 10m you're guaranteed to work the world from your bike when the band opens.

Congratulations Mike!!!

Elroy
WB9GIE
Milwaukee, WI

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118. Worked IY4W from Bike Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-21 19:09:27 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 118 Message: 118

While showing off the new bicycle installation to Tom, KB9HR, we were able to work IY4W in Bologna, Italy. He was quite surprised and said that this was his first bike mobile contact :-)

It was a real treat as he is a Marconi Wireless special event station and we were competing with a pile-up on 10 meters. The time was approximately 1815z, 4/21/2001 on about 28.440mHz.

This is really fun!!!!

73 - Mike - K9JRI

119. Radio on Frame or Handlebars?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-22 22:08:13 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 119 Message: 119

Take a peek at the April 22nd, picture of the week on the following web site:

http://www.realham.gen.in.us/

I have been riding with the radio (SG-2020) mounted on the bars since Thursday evening and have not had any problems. It occurred to me that steering response might be better, quicker, safer..... if the radio were mounted on the cross bar right behing the stem. That would get the mass (4lb.) off of the bars.

Any thoughts?

122. Re: [BMHA] Radio on Frame or Handlebars?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-23 22:15:25 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 119 Message: 122

Hi Michael,
There are several things that would not appeal to me about mounting the rig on the cross bar - first, it might reduce your visibility of lcd display, knob positions, etc. I would be concerned that, in looking down to adjust the rig, your attention would be distracted from the road ahead. Secondly, it might interfere with your knees!
I don't have the specs at hand, but I expect the 2020 is abt the same weight as my K2 with internal gel cel. If you look at how the K2 is mounted on my bike, it is actually cantilevered IN FRONT OF the handlebars. This gives me full visibility of display and knobs "in line" with my view of the road, and allows audio to be deflected from top-mount speaker, so that I don't need earphones. The further-forward, lower centre of gravity (as opposed to mounting the rig on top of the handlebars) nicely counterbalances the weight of my antenna, which is located well behind the rear wheel.
Since I usually carry a 7 AHr cell in my pannier, or a "water bottle" battery, my initial intent was to remove the internal battery from the K2 (without the battery, the K2 is light as a feather!). However, I have found that the weight of the rig with battery has minimal effect on steering control.

Just my two cents (which, when converted from $US to $Canadian, amounts to about a red cent!)
73, JC

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123. Re: [BMHA] Radio on Frame or Handlebars?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-24 00:04:28 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 119 Message: 123

Thanks for the comments John. My 2020 is mounted ahead of the bars and drops down in front as well and the 7ahr SLA is in the rear in the rack bag. They both weigh about the same (4.5 lbs.).

I had no sense of a problem until encountering the rough spot at a very slow speed. I was trying to get all the way to the side of our street so that the Church crowd didn't run over me. A Honda Acord had just tried :-) When I hit the rough spot I got very wobbly and the handlebars seemed like they weighed a ton. To be honest it scared me a bit. The best way to describe the situation is to imaging the first few times you rode a bike and were pulling the bars one way and then the other trying to attain balance. If I could have gained speed I would have been okay but I was just stuck in that kind of situation until I could get my left foot out of the clips and onto the ground.

When I got home I took the radio off of the mount and practiced some really slow (almost stopped) balancing tricks and then did the same with the radio mounted. It was quite apparent that the weight on the bars was having a bad effect on my ability to control the bike.

I am going to attempt to remote the tuning dial and just put the 2020 into the rack bag along with the SLA. They will both fit fine. It is quite likely that the event has clouded my judgement on the effects of the high/heavy weight on the bars. Further comments from you would be appreciated.

Does it sound to you like I may be over reacting to the issue???

73 - Mike - K9JRI

----- Original Message -----
From: VE3JC - John C
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2001 17:15 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Radio on Frame or Handlebars?

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Since I usually carry a 7 AHr cell in my pannier, or a "water bottle" battery, my initial intent was to remove the internal battery from the K2 (without the battery, the K2 is light as a feather!). However, I have found that the weight of the rig with battery has minimal effect on steering control.

Just my two cents (which, when converted from $US to $Canadian, amounts to about a red cent!)
73, JC

| VE3JC John Cumming

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

124. Re: Radio on Frame or Handlebars?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-24 00:45:08 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 119 Message: 124

Michael, I haven't had any problems with my rig, the MFJ Cub :>) but I would think that if you had the center of gravity of your equipment mounted over the stem it would'nt make a great deal of difference in the speed of steering. The farther away from the pivot point of the handle bars the more the leverage of the weight mass. Remember riding kids on the handlebars? Not too much of a problem that I remember. I agree with john, the rig needs to be up where you can see it.
At any rate you've given me something to think about if I go to a heavier rig and battery.
73, Dick

125. Re: Radio on Frame or Handlebars?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-24 03:00:42 UTC
From: ve7fm@hotmail.com
Topic: 119 Message: 125

--- In BMHA@y..., "Michael Blake" <m.b.blake@w...> wrote:

> Does it sound to you like I may be over reacting to the issue???

Hi Mike,
No you are not.....I had once upset at a railroad crossing....the tracks ran at a little steeper angle than usual on this crossing and I was going to cross it on a slow crowling speed to avoid the bumping feeling but my front wheel got into the track grooves... I was lucky that I was only half down because of my low recumbent bike but even than my leg gave way and I was down on the road, just about the same distance from the curb as when I first stated to cross.....I was even more darned lucky that there was no vehicles coming on the highway at that time.....so ever since that incident I always dismount at the rairoad crossings.....no-matter-what.
Its wise to be safe...life is very precious.
73

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http://www.island.net/~mohan

126. Re: Re: [BMHA] Radio on Frame or Handlebars?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-24 13:09:26 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 119 Message: 126

mike

anytime you put weight on the handlebars it iwill affect the
handleing of the bike get a low rider rack on put the radio in that
or place it on the rack in the rear of the bike good luck

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127. Antenna question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 13:29:32 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 127 Message: 127

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Dick, k8rja@...

128. New subscriber

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 14:31:37 UTC
From: robolino@mindspring.com
Topic: 128 Message: 128

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Chuck Tankersley
KC4CC
Stone Mountain, GA

129. RE: [BMHA] New subscriber

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 15:09:11 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 128 Message: 129

Lucky you! I'd love to go to the TenTec plant someday; but it's not exactly a day trip.

What is the advantage to a recumbent bike vs traditional type? If it's the design I'm thinking of (legs more parallel to group vs perpendicular for regular bike), I would think that you would not have as much going for you when doing hill climbs (which are not a trivial matter here in NH).

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-----Original Message-----
From: robolino@... [mailto:robolino@...]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 10:32 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] New subscriber

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130. RE: [BMHA] New subscriber

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 15:41:30 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 128 Message: 130

For hamming, I'd think that a 'bent would be better because since you're not supporting your weight on your arms, playing with the mic/radio would be easier. As far as teh hillclimbs, yes, you have to gear down more and spin faster, but you can more than make up for it on the downhills where teh aerodynamicscome into play :)

On Wed, 25 Apr 2001, Upton, Shawn wrote:

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> a day trip.
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131. Hams help 9000 bicyclists

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 16:53:28 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 131 Message: 131

Last weekend, April 21 - 22 2001, 9000 bicyclists rode from Houston to Austin, Texas, on the two day, 180 mile Multiple Sclerosis Society fundraiser, or MS150.

They were supported by a crew of more than 75 hams from communities all over Texas, utilizing multiple VHF repeaters, HF communication backbone, APRS, to provide communications for the event as it wound it's way through Texas.

Hams were posted in ambulances, mobile medical roving SUVs, police vehicles, sag vans, rest stops, and command centers.

A tremendous amount of Emergency, Priority, and Routine traffic was handled, including traffic related to a fall which resulted in a critical brain injury. APRS provided exact accident scene coordinates for the Critical Air helicopter, which shaved valuable minutes off of the response time. The victim is now recovering in a Houston hospital. Other emergency traffic included many less severe head & neck injuries, broken collarbones, dislocated shoulders, road rash, bruises, dehydration, eye injuries, asthma attacks, and police incidents.

MS150 2002 will be the third weekend of April, 2002. We would love to have you come out to support this massive and important ride with us next year. Please contact me for more information.

(PLEASE CONSIDER THIS POSTING FOR THE BMHA PRINTED NEWSLETTER. Thank you)

73,
Pete KF5ND

132. Re: [[BMHA] Antenna question]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 16:58:08 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 132 Message: 132

Unlike with an antenna, the coil won't do much. What you (we) are lacking is ground plane, and there just isn't much with a bike. My recumbent is bigger than many bikes, and I use either hustlers or sometimes a hamstick. Works, and that's all that really matters. Would it work better with more ground plane. Sure. Do I want to haul around any. Not really.
mike
wb5yjx

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Dick, k8rja@...

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133. RE: [[BMHA] Antenna question]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 17:38:42 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 132 Message: 133

Maybe if you drag a 6' or so wire behind you...

Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
Product Development Engineer - Sensors
Allegro MicroSystems, Inc
Concord, NH
603.228.5533 ext. 429

-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Goins [mailto:mgoins@...]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 12:58 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [[BMHA] Antenna question]

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134. Re: [[BMHA] Antenna question]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 17:47:57 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 132 Message: 134

You can certainly carry hookup wire with you for a ground plane while stationary and operating...

Peter
----- Original Message -----
From: Upton, Shawn
To: 'BMHA@yahoogroups.com'
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 12:38 PM
Subject: RE: [[BMHA] Antenna question]

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135. Re: Radio on Frame or Handlebars?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 20:16:00 UTC
From: m.b.blake@worldnet.att.net
Topic: 119 Message: 135

Mohan,

Mohan,

After reviewing the situation with a couple of local bikers I have concluded that the big culprit was "Pilot Error" rather than the 5 lbs. on the top of the bars. Seems like I should have applied power rather than removing power when I got in trouble and I would have probably not gotten into the situation where the bars were turning several degrees in each direction.

After a couple of refresher lessons I am back in the "mobile" saddle. I heard Bud, W3FF, very briefly and weakly this afternoon on 18.157. No contact though.

A friend came over today and took some 35mm pictures of me and the bike mobile today. I should get the film back this evening and will scan some pictures for "show and tell". Photography is another hobby :-)

Thanks again for all your help. Now to select an all band antenna.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

--- In BMHA@y..., ve7fm@h... wrote:
> --- In BMHA@y..., "Michael Blake" <m.b.blake@w...> wrote:
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>
> Hi Mike,
> No you are not.....

136. HF SSB bike mobile antenna choices?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-25 20:33:30 UTC
From: Michael Blake
Topic: 136 Message: 136

Now for the all band antenna. Some obvious choices are the:

Outbacker StealthPlus
ATX Walkabout with 3/8 x 24 threaded mount
Hustlers with short mast
Hamsticks (too long in my opinion)
Existing 66" stainless 10M antenna with an autotuner (20 through 10 meters)

My antenna mount will accommodate either the PL-259 or the 3/8 x 24 thread mounting systems. What are your ideas, inputs and suggestions. The antenna must only be able to handle the power of my SG-2020 while screaming wildly at passing cars.

73 - Mike - K9JRI

137. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-26 01:03:52 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 137

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /Mike&Bike_k9jri.jpg
Uploaded by : m.b.blake@...
Description : K9JRI, Bike & Radio

You can access this file at the URL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/Mike%26Bike_k9jri.jpg

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Regards,

m.b.blake@...

138. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-26 01:07:09 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 138

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /K9JRI/Rig_on_Bars_k9jri.jpg
Uploaded by : m.b.blake@...
Description : SG-2020, Mic & GPS on handlebar

You can access this file at the URL

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Regards,

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139. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-26 01:08:00 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 139

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group.

File : /K9JRI/Batt&Ant_k9jri.jpg
Uploaded by : m.b.blake@...
Description : Battery & Antenna Mount

You can access this file at the URL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/K9JRI/Batt%26Ant_k9jri.jpg

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Regards,

m.b.blake@...

140. CQ Bicycle Mobile QRP'ers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-26 04:08:52 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 140 Message: 140

This is an update on a couple of items that may be of interest to
bicycle mobile qrp
operators:

1. The 2001 QRPedal-expedition to Dayton ("FDIM or Bust!")

Ken VE3ELA, Russ KB8U, and I are getting very excited about our
upcoming ride to Dayton. Starting on the saturday before Dayton, we
will cycle across Southern
Ontario, invade the US via the Sunday evening Lake Erie ferry
(Leamington, Ontario > Sandusky, Ohio) and arrive in Dayton QRP-central
the day before
FDIM.
We will certainly hope to have the chance to work
many of you from the road, or from the evening campsite, or even from
the ferry! And of course we look forward to seeing everyone at FDIM and
at the Sunday BMHA forum. For more details on our plans (and for QSL
info, thanks to QRP-ARCI) see http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/fdimor.htm

2. Email reflector for Bicycle Mobile Hams!

The BMHA discussion list on yahoogroups has had a lot of
interesting discussion regarding antennas, rig mounting, hf operation,
etc., so you should certainly
subscribe if you are interested in bicycle mobiling. Info can be found
at the BMHA website (http://www.lafetra.com/bmha/)

Vy 73 & 72, John VE3JC

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141. Re: [BMHA] New subscriber

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-26 04:38:36 UTC
From: bassoon2cc@aol.com
Topic: 128 Message: 141

I can tell you some of the advantages that I've found with my recumbent. I ride a Bike E which is a long wheel base recumbent. The recumbent takes a lot of the stress off of your hands, neck and shoulders. If you have problems with carpel tunnel syndrome or any kind of neck problems it's great. I've have whiplash four times. It's left me with disc degeneration and a pinched nerve in my neck. As a result I can only ride my mountain bike for 45 min. to 1 hour before I have neck and shoulder pain and sometimes a migrane headache. My recumbent I can ride without any of those problems. It does take more leg strength though because you can't use your body weight to help. This can make hill climbing a little harder but I haven't found it that much harder only slower. Of course we don't have any mountains in Ohio.
Carol
KC8CEX

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

142. Bent Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-26 15:28:47 UTC
From: Allan Howell
Topic: 142 Message: 142

Ahhhhh, being laid back is such a great ride. I ride a Rans V-rex, and after Dayton, a V-rex with an hf antenna. Hope to pick up an ft817 + extras.

You're right, hill's are not the best on a bent but gliding down the other side is great. Plus we can enjoy all the scenery. ;~)

73, Al WD9DKL

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143. Re: 'bent Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-27 11:01:31 UTC
From: robolino@mindspring.com
Topic: 143 Message: 143

You're absolutely right; uphills are tougher on a recumbent. But the flats are nice, and the downhills are screaming! Seriously, you do have to develop a new set of muscles for climbing since you really aren't able to use your body weight as you do on an upright. And most recumbents are somewhat slower uphill (short wheelbases can be different), but they make up for that difference once you crest the top.

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144. Re: [[BMHA] Bent Radio]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-27 16:01:09 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 144 Message: 144

and stopping can be a little weird sometimes (the foot part, not the brakes part) with my Malibu, but then, I can't remember ever having a neckache or my back hurting either.
mike

Allan Howell <alhdlh@...> wrote:
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145. Re: [[BMHA] HF SSB bike mobile antenna choices?]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-27 16:12:56 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 145 Message: 145

how qre you using the autotuner (LDG?)? I tried that with my van and it seemed to be searching all the time (I have three of them in the home station and love them).
Just curious.
mike

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146. Re: [BMHA] Re: 'bent Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-27 16:04:53 UTC
From: John Beaston
Topic: 143 Message: 146

I've been there and back. I rode a Vision recumbent for 5 years/20K miles (and often operated 2m from it). However I left recumbent-land a few years ago. Why? Couple of reasons.... First, I missed the speed. I rode a nice lightweight Cannondale road bike previously. Very stiff. Very light. I love hills. Despite developing those "new set of muscles" needed for recumbent climbing, it was always a good bit slower on the hills. I tried both short and long wheelbase and it didn't make much difference. The fact you can't adjust your riding position like on an upright means you sit there and spin and spin and spin. And I didn't find the recumbent significantly faster on the downhill. Over the course of 5K miles, the Vision averaged 2-3mph slower than the Cannondale.

The second reason I left recumbentcy was safety. I had two dramatic front tire blow-outs at high speed. I never had one in over 50K miles of upright riding. It was nice being lower to the ground so they weren't so much falls as slides and didn't get hurt other than some road rash however the blow-outs were due to low quality tires. The small tire size on most recumbent front wheels means you're using rather specialized, low-volume tires. I tried a number of brands and was never happy with any.

There are things I miss about the recumbent. You can't beat the view. Sitting back is a lot nicer than leaning over. Don't wear loose-fitting shorts however. There's nothing like a bee up the old shorts for excitment.... And, it solved any shoulder/neck pain problems.

-John K7TY

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> are nice, and the downhills are screaming! Seriously, you do have to develop
> a new set of muscles for climbing since you really aren't able to use your
> body weight as you do on an upright. And most recumbents are somewhat slower
> uphill (short wheelbases can be different), but they make up for that
> difference once you crest the top.
>
> Chuck - KC4CC
>
> BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> > Lucky you! I'd love to go to the TenTec plant someday; but it's not
> exactly
> a day trip.
>
> What is the advantage to a recumbent bike vs traditional type? If it's the
> design I'm thinking of (legs more parallel to group vs perpendicular for
> regular bike), I would think that you would not have as much going for you
> when doing hill climbs (which are not a trivial matter here in NH).

>
> Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
> Product Development Engineer - Sensors
> Allegro MicroSystems, Inc
> Concord, NH
> 603.228.5533 ext. 429
>
>
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: robolino@... [mailto:robolino@...]
> Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 10:32 AM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] New subscriber
>
>
> Hi, just finished reading thru the back messages. Some of you guys
> are really adventureous! I haven't been on my bike in a while, but I
> ride a Rans Nimbus long wheelbase recumbent. I generally have
> carried my 2M HT with me on my rides for emergency use only.
> However, I'm thinking I may want to add HF to the rig. I'm going to
> the TenTec plant in July, and I'll be looking at their Scout
> transceiver. As I understand it, it's pretty compact and very easy
> to operate. I'd appreciate any thoughts any of you might have on
> this rig.
> Since my recumbent has a very large bag in front, it becomes the
> natural location for the radio. And sice I always ride with a flag
> so that I can be seen, I guess I can just change the flag pole from
> noradiating to one that radiates! I'm looking forward to this summer.
> Chuck Tankersley
> KC4CC
> Stone Mountain, GA
>
>
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> Feel free to contact the list owner at ke4wmf@... for questions and/or
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147. Possible feature on "Surfin"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-28 18:15:49 UTC
From: Skip_LaFetra@hp.com
Topic: 147 Message: 147

Fellow BMHAers:

I received the following mail last week:

=====
Hello BMHA-Webmaster,

I write a weekly on-line column for the ARRL Web site that discusses
Web sites that are related to Amateur Radio. The column is
called "Surfin'" and I would like to feature the Bicycle Mobile Hams
of America Web site in the next installment of my column.

The ARRL requires that I obtain your permission to use screen shots
of the Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Web site, so may I have your
permission?

73,

Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU
=====
Of course, I said "yes"!

To put the website in proper shape, I've also updated the newsletter
page (at http://www.lafetra.com/BMHA/Backissues/Newsletters.htm) with
an introduction to the (missing) past two newsletters.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

148. Re: [BMHA] Possible feature on "Surfin"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-30 14:53:58 UTC
From: Dennis J. Had
Topic: 147 Message: 148

Permission granted

Dennis K8KXK

Skip_LaFetra@... wrote:

> Fellow BMHAers:
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> BMHA-Webmaster@...
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149. Re: Bent Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-30 18:16:49 UTC
From: Steve Sande
Topic: 142 Message: 149

Absolutely cool to find this Yahoo! Group... I'm a ham with a RANS Rocket 'bent bike and I've occasionally done APRS from my bike using my Garmin eTrex Summit GPS receiver and Kenwood TH-G7A HT. My wife was able to follow my progress by going to the APRS website

I really like recumbents. Last year I started riding again (first time in about 5 years) for exercise and did about 500 miles in six months on a "wedgie". I bought my Rocket in late December, and have been able to do 200 miles so far this year despite snow and ice! Last Friday I did my first 50K ride, something I never would have been able to accomplish on a traditional upright bike due to hand numbness and back pain. My goal for the year is 1000 miles, although I'd like to really get up to at least 1500 miles. The best part of riding my 'bent is being able to pass those packs of lycra-clad cyclists who used to zip by me!

Steve

KC0EZH

--- In BMHA@y..., Allan Howell <alhdlh@y...> wrote:
> Ahhhhh, being laid back is such a great ride. I ride a
> Rans V-rex, and after Dayton, a V-rex with an hf
> antenna. Hope to pick up an ft817 + extras.
>
> You're right, hill's are not the best on a bent but
> gliding down the other side is great. Plus we can
> enjoy all the scenery. ;~)
>
> 73, Al WD9DKL
>
> _____
> Do You Yahoo!?
> Yahoo! Auctions - buy the things you want at great prices
> http://auctions.yahoo.com/

150. Re: Bent Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-04-30 18:41:07 UTC
From: ve7fm@hotmail.com
Topic: 142 Message: 150

--- In BMHA@y..., "Steve Sande" <steve@p...> wrote:
> Absolutely cool to find this Yahoo! Group...

Nice to have you along Steve ... I like reading other's views on recumbent & ham operations. I also have TH-D7A & Garmin III+ aprs tracker VE7FM-7 in operation on my "Bike-In-Motion-Qrp" and these days I am trying to degipeat through the International Space Station....ISS

73

mohan ve7fm / qrp .
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http://www.island.net/~mohan

151. Re: [BMHA] Possible feature on "Surfin"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-01 00:29:11 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 147 Message: 151

This is good news. I have viewed the page and it's some of the best publicity we we have had in a long time. Stan did a very nice job.

Mike, NF0N

Skip_LaFetra@... wrote:
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> Fellow BMHAers:
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152. Bike-In-Motion-Qrp

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-01 06:43:33 UTC
From: ve7fm@hotmail.com
Topic: 152 Message: 152

A very windy day on Oceanside Hwy 19A on Vancouver Island....almost
got airborne couple of times on my recumbent bike...decided to pull
out and sit behind some driftwood on the beach ...tried to degipeat
aprs tracker via the ISS -- International Space Station -- on two
successive orbits but no luck and to make it worse, it started to
drizzle off and on ....time to bring out the garbage bags.....my
small golf umbrella could hardly stand against the wind...nothing was
working..... time to attack the energy bars sand wiches and
banana .... read magzine for coulple of hours....rain stopped and
almost time to move on...remove the garbage bags...twiddle the knobs
one more time...(old habit or call it that I am programmed that way
since when...lets not go there) ... 10, 12 ,15 meters NOTHING there
not a signal....
18 MHz.. like MAGIC...dx-wall-to-wall..."LET US GO ON THE HWY" ....
I didn't say that my bike did........

Bike-In-Motion-Qrp on May1st / 2001 worked:

LA2PC / Ola in Oslo 0046z 157.400Mhz sent59 rcvd55
IZ8DEP / Alfred in Napoli 0120z 18.145MHz sent57 rcvd53
N6ZI / Al in San Diego 0150z 18.147MHz sent 59 rcvd54
UA9UDX / Nick in western Siberia 0201z 18.146MHz sent55 rcvd52
RX9FM / Vlad in Perm City 0209z 18.150MHz sent59+ rcvd51
A41LZ / Murtadha in Oman 0303z 18.125MHz sent57 rcvd52

Also tried many times to contact A41KJ / Siddiq on 18,133MHz but the
pile-ups were no match for qrp....I was almost sure of ZL3GS / Grahm
in Christchurch but he decided to pick w8vm
instead...o,well ....anyway....it was time to go home

mohan ve7fm / qrp .
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153. Bike-In-Motion-Qrp / Aprs Via ISS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-01 21:03:47 UTC
From: ve7fm@hotmail.com
Topic: 153 Message: 153

Bike -In-Motion-Qrp aprs tracker VE7FM-7 from Oceanside Hwy 19A Vancouver Island at 1911 UTC May 1 / 2001 was degipeated for the first time via ISS - the International Space Station on Orbit # 13983 and it appears on World Map at:
http://www.ariss.net

Tracker consists of Kenwood TH-D7A handheld and Garmin III+ gps with ANLI AL-800- 2m / 70cm antenna on my EZ-1 Easy Racer recumbent bike.

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154. Re: Bike-In-Motion-Qrp / Aprs Via ISS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-02 13:12:12 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 153 Message: 154

Mohan, that's pretty darn cool if you ask me!!

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/Bicycle Mobile
Milwaukee, WI

WB9GIE pics:

http://y42.photos.yahoo.com/bc/wb9gie/lst?.dir=/WB9GIE+Bicycle+Mobile

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155. Re: Bike-In-Motion-Qrp / Aprs Via ISS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-02 23:48:55 UTC
From: ve7fm@hotmail.com
Topic: 153 Message: 155

--- In BMHA@y..., WB9GIE@w... wrote:
> Mohan, that's pretty darn cool if you ask me!!

Thanks Elroy...you have pretty cool pictures ...I think I will have to start looking for ways to take some still frames out of my Sony camcorder and get them on pc....but don't know how to do that yet....don't really want to spend money on any software... I would rather do that for bike or radio etc....ha ha

73
mohan ve7fm / qrp .
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156. Re: New FT-817'er

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-04 17:56:21 UTC
From: nedmt@mindspring.com
Topic: 98 Message: 156

Hello gang!
I'm looking forward to Dayton this year. Elroy and others are plowing new ground with the FT817 and it seems more are getting interested in HF from the bike. I will bring along to Dayton the construction details on my "poor mans outbacker" all band HF antenna which anybody can make!

My current set up is the K2 with the above mentioned antenna. I think John VE3JC and I hold the first HF bike to bike K2 to K2 contact and Elroy (Wb9GIE) and I claim the first HF bike to bike contact several years ago. It looks like our forum at Dayton this year will be loaded with practical HF bicycle mobile tips from several experiences sources.

Great to see this group and all of the activity. I will help any way I can.

73's
Ned
WC4X

--- In BMHA@y..., WB9GIE@w... wrote:
> Mike, good to hear from you again! It was nice to meet you in person
> at my BMHA presentation at Dayton back in 1994 and on the Argonaut
> all of the times I checked in to the BMHA 20m SSB net on Sunday
> afternoons when you were net control.
>
> I believe you will be very pleased with your new FT817 when you get
> it! I can hardly believe that such a radio exists for bicycle mobile
> use! There's a Yahoo! group for FT817 users that you might already
> know about, but, if you don't, here's the web address:
>
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FT817
>
>
> It's a really great source of info on the rig and there's plenty of
> people in the group to answer any questions you might have from their
> personal point of view on the rig, options, third party antennas &
> accessories, etc. Between the FT817, HFpack and BMHA groups, almost
> any piece of portable/bicycle/etc info can be had and new ideas
> traded.
>
> I notice Ned Mountain, WC4X, is giving a presentation for BMHA at

> this year's Dayton Hamfest. I won't be able to make this years
> hamfest but I would really appreciate it if you say Hi to Ned for
me,
> Mike. I remember it was such a thrill to work him bicycle-to-
bicycle
> from Wisconsin to Georgia, qrp at both ends, the first time back in
> the early 1990's! We had a couple of interesting people listening
in
> at both ends too, like the ARRL Section Manager for Wisconsin back
> then, and, Doug Ingram, K4TWJ, who has "The World of New Ideas"
> column in CQ Magazine. I think everyone got a big kick out of it at
> the time, and it is still one of my favorite moments in ham radio.
> Maybe you can get Ned to talk about his multiple band HF antenna he
> came up with as I think it is one of the coolest bicycle ham radio
> ideas ever.
>
> Mike, if you guys want to try a sked with a bicycle station from
> Wisconsin for your Dayton rides, just let me know. I think it will
be
> great fun trying! With all of the solar flares and high sunspot
> numbers almost anything could happen. We just might pull it off via
> aurora on 2m SSB!!!
>
> Anyway, good to hear from you again, Mike.
>
> 73's
>
> Elroy
> WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobile
> Milwaukee, WI
>
>
>
>
>
> --- In BMHA@y..., Mike Nickolaus <nf0n@a...> wrote:
> > Hello to the group. I just put in my order for the FT-817 today
> and
> > looking forward to receiving it later this week. I hope to mount
> it
> > on my Lightning P-38 Recumbent. I have been watching all of the
> > discussion on this group and the HFPack group and am seeing lot's
> of
> > ideas for it already. Elroy, I'll be watching your notes as you
> > have the most experience on doing this.
> >
> > I am also working the second time around for All Counties and
hope
> > to eventually give out a few counties on the net on 14.336. They
> > have 18 wheelers giving out the counties, so why not a bicycle

> > mobile ! We just won't go through as many counties in a day as
an
> > 18 wheeler.
> >
> > I also want to put in a plug for the Dayton HamVention Forum on
May
> 20.
> > It is in room #2. I hope to also do the Dayton Hamvention BMHA
bike
> > ride on the 19th. Hope many of you can make it and I look
forward
> to
> > meeting many of you there. See the latest BMHA Newsletter that
is
> just
> > about to be mailed, for all the details. See the BMHA website
for
> > details also.
> >
> > 73-Mike, NF0N

157. Bike-In-Motion-Qrp / NA1SS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-05 00:03:05 UTC
From: ve7fm@hotmail.com
Topic: 157 Message: 157

Bike-In-Motion-Qrp made its first ever contact with astronaut Susan Helms / NA1SS on Orbit 14031 at 2112 UTC May4/2001 using TH-D7A handheld with 5 watt to half wave 144 MHz. vertical.

I was all set to send an aprs-email via ISS instead I was surprized to hear Susan calling qrz on the 145.800 downlink.....a quick fumbling push to another already preset split memory with 144.490 phone uplink and I was able to contact Susan after couple of transmissions....also I heard dozen or so other Canadian & US stations making phone contacts on that pass with the international space station.

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http://www.island.net/~mohan

158. Reminder - BMHA HamVention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-06 13:02:01 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 158 Message: 158

We would like to remind you of this upcoming event.

BMHA HamVention Forum

Date: Sunday, May 20, 2001
Time: 8:00AM - 10:00AM CDT (GMT-05:00)

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Dayton HamVention Forum in Room 2.

159. Re: Bike-In-Motion-Qrp / NA1SS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-07 12:07:23 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 157 Message: 159

:-o

Mohan, that's great!!!!!!!! Maybe, more like incredible!!!!

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!

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WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobiile
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160. Re: [[BMHA] Re: Bike-In-Motion-Qrp / NA1SS]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-07 19:24:37 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 160 Message: 160

and I thought Australia at 1 watt from my recumbent was DX. Congrats!

WB9GIE@... wrote:
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Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobiile
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161. [[BMHA] Re: Bike-In-Motion-Qrp / NA1SS]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-07 22:00:48 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 160 Message: 161

Well, Michael, I wouldn't exactly write off your 1 watt contact with Australia as not being DX... :-)

The members of this group are definitely not the type to get their thrills by running a 2kw amp on 20m. Makes me feel good I'm hanging out on the Internet with the right people!

Elroy
WB9GIE/qrp/bicycle mobile
Milwaukee, WI

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162. Bike-QRP-Expedition underway!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-12 15:23:05 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 162 Message: 162

KB8U, VE3ELA and VE3JC are on the road to Dayton. Please listen for us
on the usual QRP frequencies. Watch especially for
KB8U on 20 meters (around 14.060)
VE3ELA on 10,15,20, and 40
VE3JC near 10.106 cw, 18.140 ssb plus other ssb and cw qrp frequencies

If you work us, qsl via QRP-ARCI, and post to the list to let others
know where we are!

See everyone in Dayton!

--
| VE3JC John Cumming
Q | Delaware, ON CANADA
/\ | jbcumming@...
@` /<----- hf qrp cw bicycle mobile
(*) \(*) http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Lab/7378/

163. BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-13 14:22:55 UTC
From: ka1ttg@aol.com
Topic: 163 Message: 163

Hello to list members.
I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Bob Ankenbauer, KA1TTG and I am a Police Officer in Somerville Massachusetts.
I have been a police officer for 16 years and a bicycle patrol officer for the last three years. I have held my Tech License since 1989. We ride year round, (hurricanes and blizzards excluded) and my average day is 10 - 20 miles. My city is only 6 square miles and my patrol area is about 1 square mile.
We use Raleigh F500, 21 speed Police Mountain Bikes. This is my third bicycle in three years as we have upgraded from older Univega 18 speed Alpinas. My longest ride was two years ago when we (several hundred police officers) rode en masse from Foxboro Stadium (Home of the New England Patriots) to Boston City Hall Plaza, a distance of about 26 miles. The ride was to raise funds and awareness to the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) an organization that supports those left behind.
I am the police departments representative to the Somerville Bicycle Committee and we are working on several bike lane proposals, rail/trail conversions and making our city more bicycle friendly. We are currently at the dead end of the Minuteman Bike Trail and proposals are being submitted to determine a feasible way to extend the trail into the Boston city limits.
I would be interested to hear if there are any other police officers on the reflector or in the club. I am sending in my membership application in Mondays mail.

164. Curious about recumbents

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-14 13:56:09 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 164 Message: 164

I am new to bike mobile operation having just started this year. My bike is a 21 speed, comparatively inexpensive bike, which I like. (See files for pictures)I have never ridden a recumbent bike and wonder, besides being more comfortable (I think), what makes it more attractive than an upright bike? They look to be a lot less maneuverable and only suitable for smooth near level terrain. I do plan to find one I can try to see if it would fit my needs as a base for mobile operation.
Any recommendations? One last question, why are they so expensive compared to the traditional design?

166. Re: [Re: [BMHA] Curious about recumbents]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-14 20:55:00 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 166 Message: 166

Boyd,

I ride an S&B Malibu, SWB, USS recumbent and have never had a visability problem. People sometimes stope me to "have a look", so I think the unusual part outweighs any visability problem. And it's fast - fastest bike I've ever ridden. That is an advantage. I also am a ham and operate form my bike, talking to the world. Being seated makesa tha teasier and the seating position is mucho better on the back and neck. Wouldn't switch.
mike

Boyd Roberson II <koogles@...> wrote:
And what about visibility? Besides not being able to see over cars in traffic, it'd sure seem that they'd have a much harder time seeing you...

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> bike is a 21 speed, comparatively inexpensive bike, which I like.
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167. Re: [Re: [BMHA] Curious about recumbents]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-14 20:57:45 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 166 Message: 167

forgot to address the cost factor. I have less in my bent that a lot of people have in their uprights. Under $500, with great components.
mike

Boyd Roberson II <koogles@...> wrote:
And what about visibility? Besides not being able to see over cars in traffic, it'd sure seem that they'd have a much harder time seeing you...

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168. Re: Recumbents

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-15 11:50:23 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 168 Message: 168

I saw it, I bought it, I love it. After looking into the pro's and con's of recumbents, I settled on the BikeE AT. I didn't like the "full" recumbent where I felt I was laying down with less than optimal control. A trial ride on the BikeE for the first time was comfortable, but the steering is very sensitive and I needed a little practice before I felt in complete control. My first ride on the bike path was very satisfying. I felt some trepidation as I approached a detour where I had to leave the smooth path and ride up a gravel incline to the roadway and down again onto the path. I downshifted, and prepared to jump off the bike if I lost control, but the detour was negotiated even easier than on my upright bike. I'm looking forward to more challanges on the BikeE.

169. Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-15 16:12:36 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 169 Message: 169

Is US$ 150 an OK price to pay for a 1991 Trek 850 mountain bike in
good condition ?

73,
Pete KF5ND

171. Re: [BMHA] Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-15 17:45:19 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 169 Message: 171

Yes it does, I want to find if I'm paying a reasonable price relative to market price.

Do you have a problem with that ?

PW
----- Original Message -----
From: Boyd Roberson II
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2001 12:00 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Price check help, please

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172. Re: [[BMHA] Price check help, please]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-15 17:57:17 UTC
From: Michael Goins
Topic: 172 Message: 172

sounds good to me and I'd pay it, Pete. I ride a bent, but I wouldn't pass up
a Trek in good shape for $150.
mike

"Peter Wang" <kf5nd@...> wrote:
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Pete KF5ND

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173. RE: [BMHA] Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-15 18:25:51 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 169 Message: 173

I'm not sure what that model is; make sure all the components aren't used up. Ie, that it doesn't need a chain (and rear cassette--I think that is a 40ish dollar repair), rear derallier (I know I misspelt that one but I think you get the idea), etc. I'm facing the dilema that it'd probably cost 1/2 (or more) of a new bike to repair my ailing Fischer--it needs all new cables, shifters, brake levers, deralliers, chain, chainrings, bottom bracket... Basically, it has several thousand miles, no maintaince, and is only on it's second chain. Oh yeah, there's that gash in the rear sidewall that makes the bike feel really funny going down hills...

Of course, it doesn't help that the seatpost is stuck in the frame; thankfully, it's at just the right height. :) And no, I don't ever expect to get that unstuck or actually sell the bike. I'll probably ride it until it really breaks, then replace.

Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
Product Development Engineer - Sensors
Allegro MicroSystems, Inc
Concord, NH
603.228.5533 ext. 429

-----Original Message-----
From: Peter Wang [mailto:kf5nd@...]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2001 12:13 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Price check help, please

Is US$ 150 an OK price to pay for a 1991 Trek 850 mountain bike in good condition ?

73,
Pete KF5ND

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175. Re: Re: [BMHA] Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 14:09:22 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 169 Message: 175

if you are happy with the bike buy and dont be
worrying about what other people think move it
on

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more.

176. HF on Bike-E

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 12:37:26 UTC
From: Paul Gerhardt
Topic: 176 Message: 176

Anybody have an HF antenna on a Bike-E? What kind of mount did you use?

K3PG

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177. Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 13:08:51 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 169 Message: 177

Sounds to me like somebody would pay $10/gallon for gas " 'cause they want it no matter what anybody else thinks" even if everybody else is checking around with their friends first and finding it for $1.50/gallon...

I think the BMHA group is a great place to bounce questions/ideas off each other, if for anything just to get a 2nd opinion to their own gut feeling.

Elroy
WB9GIE

--- In BMHA@y..., Boyd Roberson II <koogles@k...> wrote:
> And do you have a problem with me asking, sir?
> It's always been my opinion that if I want something enough to pay a certain
> price for it, it really doesn't matter what anyone else would or wouldn't
> pay for it...
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>
> From: "Peter Wang" <kf5nd@a...>
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> > Yes it does, I want to find if I'm paying a reasonable price relative to
> market price.
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> > Do you have a problem with that ?
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> > Does it really matter what anyone else thinks?...
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> > > Is US$ 150 an OK price to pay for a 1991 Trek 850 mountain bike in
> > > good condition ?

178. Re: [BMHA] Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 15:22:33 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 169 Message: 178

elroy

why worry about whart other people are doing do
your oun thing even if is to pay 10 dollars for
gas when all your friend are checking around for
the 1.50 dollar a gallon gas that is all well
and good but live your own life get over
yourself with all this checking how much are
your going to be checking well enough of this
stuff do as you please but allow others to do
the same without passing judgement and if you
dont like other peoples answers then dont ansk
the question

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more.

179. Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 13:36:14 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 169 Message: 179

I would check around so I wouldn't be paying more than I need too. I don't think that in anyway has anything to do with doing your own thing. I think it's whacked if somebody thinks that checking around with friends before making a purchase to see if there might be something better for the money around or if it in anyway might not be a good idea is in anyway "not doing your own thing" or "not living your own life". And, no I won't get over that. Sorry if I think different than you, but that's life...

Elroy
WB9GIE

-- In BMHA@y..., "charles hingston" <cehingston@m...> wrote:
> elroy
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> why worry about whart other people are doing do
> your oun thing even if is to pay 10 dollars for
> gas when all your friend are checking around for
> the 1.50 dollar a gallon gas that is all well
> and good but live your own life get over
> yourself with all this checking how much are
> your going to be checking well enough of this
> stuff do as you please but allow others to do
> the same without passing judgement and if you
> dont like other peoples answers then dont ansk
> the question
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> ---
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ships, squadrons, and more.

180. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 13:58:07 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 180

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /K8RJA/Joe.jpg
Uploaded by : k8rja@...
Description : Grampa, Joe Arnold 100 years ago

You can access this file at the URL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/K8RJA/Joe.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

k8rja@...

181. Re: New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 14:08:55 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 79 Message: 181

Cool picture, Joe!

Elroy
WB9GIE

--- In BMHA@y..., <BMHA@y...> wrote:
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> Hello,
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> This email message is a notification to let you know that
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> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/K8RJA/Joe.jpg
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> To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit
>
> http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files
>
> Regards,
>
> k8rja@a...

183. Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 18:01:21 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 169 Message: 183

Well that's alright for you, I suppose. But, if I wanted something, like an FT817 for example, and the local candy store is selling it for $850, and boy, it's something I would really want, but first I check around and a friend says a reputable store down in Chicago has them for $725, I'm sorry, but, I would like to know that. Ignorance is bliss I suppose, but, the "you gotta live your own life" crap and other similar statements that would fly around on this group if someone asked if anybody had an opinion on something that they were going to purchase is ridiculous. Really ridiculous. Sorry, but that's how I feel.

Elroy
WB9GIE

-- In BMHA@y..., Boyd Roberson II <koogles@k...> wrote:
> If it's something I want, I don't care what anyone else would or wouldn't
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185. Re: [BMHA] Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 20:47:15 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 169 Message: 185

But Boyd, what if you paid $150 for an item that you really wanted, but then found out later that ten other people bought the same item recently for prices ranging from $ 90 - $ 140. Would you feel sort of foolish being the high bidder of the group ? Wouldn't you wish that you'd have found out the historical market values for the item, and used that information to leverage your price negotiation ? Or do you just take the price that the seller throws at you ?

I was just asking a simple question, I wasn't asking the BMHA group for a bone-marrow donation or anything like that...

Peter KF5ND

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

186. Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 21:23:22 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 169 Message: 186

Well, I'm like that at a swapfest or auction or something similar, but, if somebody is asking a question like that and has got some time to ponder it, and is genuinely asking the group for some input, I don't see a problem with that. The "got your own life to live" and all of that other kind of attitude thing shouldn't play into somebody asking a group of people with similar interests what they thought. I thought the reply stating the things he should check was great. If somebody didn't really care what anybody thought about what microphone, battery pack, antenna, bicycle, rig, pricing, etc, the other members really liked or regretted buying because "they got their own lives to live", well, they shouldn't be on an e-group knocking people discussing those things.

Elroy
WB9GIE

--- In BMHA@y..., Boyd Roberson II <koogles@k...> wrote:
> The difference, elroy, is that the question was concerning what a good
> average price for a certain used bicycle would be... Not an $800 radio...
> Of course, I comparison shop... But when I spot a used item somewhere which
> I'd like to have, that I can afford, I buy it.... If it's more than I'd
> like to spend, I simply don't want to buy it, no matter how "good of a deal"
> someone else says it would be to THEM..... I can still drool over it, of
> course...
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> > Well that's alright for you, I suppose. But, if I wanted something,
> > like an FT817 for example, and the local candy store is selling it
> > for $850, and boy, it's something I would really want, but first I
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> > going to purchase is ridiculous. Really ridiculous. Sorry, but

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> > how I feel.

187. RE: [BMHA] Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 21:34:27 UTC
From: Mike Roberts
Topic: 169 Message: 187

Ok Guys... Take this OFF the list. If you have a problem with other values tell them off the list, and STOP spamming everyone else with this bull. I DON'T care if you don't ask for others opinions on purchases, but Elroy does, and this is fine, and futhermore this is the most appropriate HAM place to do it. So as I said if you have a problem with him or his values tell it to him because I DON'T care to know your opinion, just like you don't care to know others.

GET A LIFE !

Mike Roberts,
VE7KED/VA7EEE
DN09hv

-----Original Message-----
From: Boyd Roberson II [mailto:koogles@...]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2001 9:58 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Price check help, please

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190. Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 23:40:02 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 169 Message: 190

OK, Boyd, maybe I took this as a negative statement when you were really being quite helpful and intelligent in handing out a dose of your well thought out constructive criticism of a fellow BMHA member inquiring about bicycle pricing. I apologize.

Elroy
WB9GIE

--- In BMHA@y..., Boyd Roberson II <koogles@k...> wrote:
> Does it really matter what anyone else thinks?...
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> > Is US$ 150 an OK price to pay for a 1991 Trek 850 mountain bike in
> > good condition ?

191. Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-16 23:51:12 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 169 Message: 191

I also apologize for any statements I might of made concerning this well thought out, intelligent, and constructive piece of advice for fellow BMHA members. In my "weirdo" ways I misconstrued it as a negative response to somebody wondering why anybody would want to talk prices on a used Trek bike on the Bicycle Mobile Hams of America -e-group.

And this will be the last I discuss this particular matter on this e-group.

Elroy
WB9GIE

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192. Re: Price check help, please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-17 00:10:40 UTC
From: Scott aka "Stealth TDI"
Topic: 169 Message: 192

Hi,

> And this will be the last I discuss this particular matter on this e-group.

Quite possibly the most intelligent comment in this thread so far! Listen: This is a DISCUSSION list. Although some opinions are not always welcome, people are GOING to disagree. There's nothing I can do about that. But it wouldn't be a discussion if there weren't differences in opinion. I won't unsubscribe someone just because his/her opinion isn't popular or because of "offensive" comments. As long as discussions are civil, clear of foul language, and don't initiate personal attacks, anything ON THE TOPIC of Bicycles and Ham Radio are okay.

Someone complained and wanted me to moderate posts. Do you really want that? I get online about 3-5 times per week. Should I go to sea, your posts will make it to this List about every 2-months! I know I don't! Let's play nice, agree to disagree, and be grown up enough to ignore what offends us, shall we? If someone persists at being a constant source of irritation, I'll deal with them accordingly. Frankly, I see more aggrevation in the RESPONSES to the alleged offensive remarks than I do in the remarks themselves.

Please stay on topic. If you don't know whether $150 is a good price for a given bike then don't comment. If you do, state why. Sound like a plan? Let's put the argument to rest and answer this guy's question, as some actually have, shall we?

73,

Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
BMHA Newsletter Editor
BMHA Discussion List Owner/Moderator

194. HT power connector from 24V electric assist bike power packs

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-17 17:22:08 UTC
From: seventronics@yahoo.com
Topic: 194 Message: 194

Folks,

I have two Currie Technologies USPD electric bikes, and I have been interested in powering an HT (Icom T8A or old T2) from the electric bike 24V battery pack. Warranty issues aside (the 24V frame mount pack has a seal on it and I'm not sure I want to void the warranty on this 3 month old unit just yet !), I want to efficiently power the T8A or T2 from a 12V DC-DC conversion of the nominal 24V pack voltage.

Yes, if I just cut the seal I can tap off one of the two 12V batteries. What I think is a better solution is a portable interface between the two bikes that inserts a 24V "tap" in between the battery to motor DC connector.

I cannot find a 24V to 12V DC-DC converter module anywhere - does anyone know of such a module ? I'm happy to bundle a DC-DC converter module with the peripheral electronics, but not interested in building the DC-DC converter myself.

Appreciate any hints,tips, pointers.

Thanks, Mark (W4CHL and 7tronics Plc)

195. Reminder - BMHA HamVention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-18 13:02:02 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 158 Message: 195

We would like to remind you of this upcoming event.

BMHA HamVention Forum

Date: Sunday, May 20, 2001
Time: 8:00AM - 10:00AM CDT (GMT-05:00)

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Dayton HamVention Forum in Room 2.

196. HT power connector from 24V electric assist bike power packs

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-18 22:08:23 UTC
From: Charles E. Scharlau
Topic: 194 Message: 196

> Message: 2
> Date: Thu, 17 May 2001 17:22:08 -0000
> From: seventronics@...
> Subject: HT power connector from 24V electric assist bike power packs
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> Folks,
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> anyone know of such a module ? I'm happy to bundle a DC-DC converter
> module with the peripheral electronics, but not interested in
> building the DC-DC converter myself.
<snip>

I took a quick peek in my DigiKey catalog. You might want to check out DigiKey part #179-1016-ND. It is a 900 mA DC-DC converter. 18-36V input. 12V output. Price $68 in single-part quantity.

I'm sure there are other sources for higher current DC-DC converters, and the 18-36V input is a common range, as is 12V out. But the higher you go in current, the higher the price.

You might consider using a separate small 12V battery to power the radio... or just use the HT's internal batteries. The HT's battery could get charged from the 24V system using a low-current (inexpensive) charge circuit. You should be able to get by with a pretty small battery (and small charger) if your transmit time is short compared to your receive time.

73,
Charles
NZ0I

197. RE: [BMHA] HT power connector from 24V electric assist bike power packs

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-21 12:38:08 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 194 Message: 197

That seems like the best idea so far... Carrying a second battery and charging. Two thoughts come to mind:

1) my old Yaseu handheld used a wall cube to charge the battery--it plugged right into the battery pack on the radio. As far as I could tell, I could plug in the radio and it would charge, even with it on and all. In the car (ie, unlimited current supply), it would transmit with even a dead battery. Maybe the same could be done here, but a voltage regulator (1A plus) would still be needed (to regulate down to 14ish volts).

2) get a battery case (alkaline or ni-cad), and put your own trickle charger into that (with ni-cads of course). C10 charge on that would be about 60mA, give or take, which translates to .06*(24-14)=.6W. A bit high to dissapate in the radio, so perhaps that regulator/charger should be bolted elsewheres, but then you could run low current wire (small gauge and all) to the radio.

It seems wasteful to use linear supplies for this project, but I'm guessing that the current used by the bike itself will put the current draw of most handhelds to shame. Plus, dc-dc supplies can generate gobs of noise easily, which might not be an issue at vhf, but if you intend to do hf, or listen to the am air band, I wouldn't be surprised if you have interference. But I guess that assumes that the electric motor itself is rf quiet, so perhaps I am just rambling (which I am well known for).

Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
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-----Original Message-----
From: Charles E. Scharlau [mailto:cscharlau@...]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2001 6:08 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] HT power connector from 24V electric assist bike power packs

> Message: 2
> Date: Thu, 17 May 2001 17:22:08 -0000
> From: seventronics@...
> Subject: HT power connector from 24V electric assist bike power packs
>
> Folks,
>
> I have two Currie Technologies USPD electric bikes, and I have been
> interested in powering an HT (Icom T8A or old T2) from the electric

> bike 24V battery pack. Warranty issues aside (the 24V frame mount...
<snip>
> I cannot find a 24V to 12V DC-DC converter module anywhere - does
> anyone know of such a module ? I'm happy to bundle a DC-DC converter
> module with the peripheral electronics, but not interested in
> building the DC-DC converter myself.
<snip>

I took a quick peek in my DigiKey catalog. You might want to check out DigiKey part #179-1016-ND. It is a 900 mA DC-DC converter. 18-36V input. 12V output. Price $68 in single-part quantity.

I'm sure there are other sources for higher current DC-DC converters, and the 18-36V input is a common range, as is 12V out. But the higher you go in current, the higher the price.

You might consider using a separate small 12V battery to power the radio... or just use the HT's internal batteries. The HT's battery could get charged from the 24V system using a low-current (inexpensive) charge circuit. You should be able to get by with a pretty small battery (and small charger) if your transmit time is short compared to your receive time.

73,
Charles
NZ0I

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198. Bicycle mobile public service report from the field

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-21 13:35:37 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 198 Message: 198

I was a bicycle-mobile for the Arthritis Foundation "Joint Walk" yesterday, 20 May 2001 in Houston. This walk was served by hams from all over Houston, led by Mike N5VCX. Interestingly, the walk was kicked off by Houston's Mayor, Lee P. Brown, who admitted in his speech that he also suffers from arthritis.

The bicycle was very useful for following the last two walkers. These walkers foolishly left the riverside course, and wandered below the banks of Braes Bayou down out of sight close to the waters edge. I saw them while riding the course, admonished them, and brought them back up to the proper path. They were invisible to cars on the roadway. Had they fallen in, possibly no one would've noticed.

Later, these same two walkers missed the last turn, and were headed off away from the finish line. They were weak walkers, and would've eventually run into heat exhaustion problems. The police and rest stop volunteers did not know they were still on the course, and were closing the route before they finished. They did not see them miss the last turn. On my final loop, I picked them out, and directed a sag wagon to pick them up.

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Accident report: Going over those silly speed control bumps in Houston, my bike dropped off of the car down onto the pavement, hard on the rear wheel, and it got an "S" curve" in it. Looks like a new rear wheel is in my future soon.

Sincerely,

Pete KF5ND

Other hams on "Joint Walk":
W5CAM, WN5A, AK5G, KC5JAR, KF5LOC, N5VCX

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199. RE: [BMHA] Bicycle mobile public service report from the field

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-21 17:29:53 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 198 Message: 199

Cool; good job. How did you hook the battery to the FT-50? Did you modify an alkaline case for it?

Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
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-----Original Message-----
From: Peter Wang [mailto:kf5nd@...]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2001 9:36 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com; nars@...
Subject: [BMHA] Bicycle mobile public service report from the field

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200. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle mobile public service report from the field

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-21 17:18:23 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 198 Message: 200

I simply used an external power cord for the gel-cell. I did not attempt to physically mount the gel-cell and HT together. The battery is in the fanny pack, the HT holster rides on the fanny pack belt.

PW

----- Original Message -----
From: Upton, Shawn
To: 'BMHA@yahoogroups.com'
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2001 12:29 PM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Bicycle mobile public service report from the field

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201. Idea: BMHA TEAM JERSEYS ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-23 16:09:57 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 201 Message: 201

Would BMHA members be interested in producing a customized BMHA Team Jersey ?

I would be very interested in owning a jersey for the Public Service events that I do.

Here are my thoughts:

- high visibility color (yellow, orange, etc)
- large block letters across shoulders & upper back: AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR
- logo on left chest: BMHA or ARRL

What do people think ?

73,
KF5ND Peter

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

202. Re: [BMHA] Idea: BMHA TEAM JERSEYS ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-23 19:58:19 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 201 Message: 202

great idea sign me up

chalrlie

Military.com: your address for everything military http://www.military.com
Free email. Personnel Locator. Thousands of homepages for units, ships, squadrons, and more.

203. RE: [BMHA] Idea: BMHA TEAM JERSEYS ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-23 18:52:29 UTC
From: Joe Hoepfner
Topic: 201 Message: 203

Sounds interesting. I'd like one myself.

Joe Hoepfner
1612 Scoggin St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319-266-0270

-----Original Message-----
From: Peter Wang [SMTP:kf5nd@...]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2001 11:10 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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204. Re: Idea: BMHA TEAM JERSEYS ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-23 23:02:19 UTC
From: David Porterfield
Topic: 201 Message: 204

Good idea, Peter. Because some members of BMHA may not belong to ARRL (I do) the BMHA logo probably would be the better of the two. Non-bicycle hams wear orange baseball caps in the Pittsburgh area for Public Service events, so orange may be the best color.

The current Bike Nashbar catalog has two plain polyester jerseys shown, but no orange. Both come in yellow. One is EvapR8 polyester for $27.90. The other is Coolmax polyester for $29.99. Performance catalog used to have a similar team jersey but it's not in the current catalog. Those are the only two catalogs I get. A tee shirt producer could probably silkscreen the logo and lettering. That route might be less expensive than contacting a manufacturer of jerseys.

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205. Re: [BMHA] Re: Idea: BMHA TEAM JERSEYS ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-24 00:14:50 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 201 Message: 205

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> current catalog. Those are the only two catalogs I get. A tee shirt
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> route might be less expensive than contacting a manufacturer of
> jerseys.

It's been my experience with silkscreening that it leaves a fairly
non-porous area on the surface...at least I think that's why I have such a
hot and sweaty area when I wear a screened t-shirt on a ride. Not sure if
all screening process or materials have this issue, but I just thought I'd
mention it and see if anyone else had noticed a similar effect.

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206. RE: [BMHA] Idea: BMHA TEAM JERSEYS ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-24 00:50:47 UTC
From: Andrew R. Young
Topic: 201 Message: 206

I would be interested in participitating as well. It has been my experience that not everyone knows about amateur radio or "ham's". I don't know if "Communications" would be appropriate or not. Many times when I participate in community events, I do first aid as well as communications.

A thought comes to mind. I don't have a catalog handy to check, but Galls (www.galls.com) is a provider of police, fire and emt items. They do have accessories for bicycle police, etc. They also have orange (or yellow) vests that have velcro on them so that signs can be changed among them. Used more for a fire scene (safety officer, public information officer, incident command, etc.), we may be able to have someone design a flap to affix to a vest.

Just a thought.

Andy Young
KB9SZF

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207. Re: [BMHA] Idea: BMHA TEAM JERSEYS ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-24 12:59:17 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 201 Message: 207

Yes, often during public service events a high-visibility reflective vest is very much required safety item. Good idea.

Also, I agree the silk-screen does tend to ruin the breathability of a jersey, and it makes for a wet & uncomfortable ride. At least you can take a vest off when you don't need it.

When I have more time, I'll get back to everyone and we'll flesh out some options. I found a place that will do "stock customs" for lots of 12 or more, for about $50 each.

Peter KF5ND
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew R. Young
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2001 7:50 PM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Idea: BMHA TEAM JERSEYS ?

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208. Re: HF on Bike-E

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-24 14:59:14 UTC
From: dwightdds@yahoo.com
Topic: 176 Message: 208

--- In BMHA@y..., "Paul Gerhardt" <pgerhardt@h...> wrote:
> Anybody have an HF antenna on a Bike-E? What kind of mount did you
use?
>
> K3PG
> _____
> Get your FREE download of MSN Explorer at http://explorer.msn.com

I haven't done this yet, but I think it's going to work: Get a "Tool-
E" storage box for the back of your bike. You can drill it and
intall an antenna mount without harming your bike. Put your
batteries inside of the "Tool-E" box. Here is the web page:

http://hometown.aol.com/whytoole/WHYTOOLE.html

Dwight, KO6FE

209. New poll for BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-24 18:07:35 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 209 Message: 209

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
BMHA group:

I am interested in paying in advance to
have BMHA customized team clothing made
to order for me. Click on all that
apply. This does not obligate you, it's
just an opinion poll.

o I want a BMHA jersey
o I want a BMHA jacket
o I want BHMA cycling shorts
o I want a BHMA reflective safety vest

To vote, please visit the following web page:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/polls

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

210. VOTE NOW on the BMHA Customized Clohing Poll !!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-24 18:06:12 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 210 Message: 210

Go and vote at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/polls

Sincerely,

Peter Wang

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

211. Bike clothing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-30 17:25:05 UTC
From: David Porterfield
Topic: 211 Message: 211

Here's a URL I bookmarked once upon a time and forgot about. I don't know how their prices compare with anybody else's.
http://www.voler.com/

212. Poll results for BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-05-30 17:50:06 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 212 Message: 212

The following BMHA poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: I am interested in paying in advance to
have BMHA customized team clothing made
to order for me. Click on all that
apply. This does not obligate you, it's
just an opinion poll.

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- I want a BHMA reflective safety vest, 6 votes, 26.09%
- I want BHMA cycling shorts, 1 votes, 4.35%
- I want a BMHA jersey, 10 votes, 43.48%
- I want a BMHA jacket, 6 votes, 26.09%

INDIVIDUAL VOTES
- I want a BHMA reflective safety vest
- n3vhj@...
- kwiese@...
- kf5nd@...
- kb9szf@...
- pkmichaelis@...
- cpraed@...
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- Skip_LaFetra@...
- I want a BMHA jersey
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- ke4wmf@...
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- I want a BMHA jacket
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213. BMHA Founder, Hartley Alley, NA0A has passed away

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-01 18:05:51 UTC
From: nf0n@arrl.net
Topic: 213 Message: 213

I just received word from Jean Alley that Hartley Alley, NA0A, has passed away. The services will be Tuesday. She indicated the family would prefer no flowers however donations can be made to the family, and the donations will be passed on to an organization that Hartley had specified.

I will be making a donation to the family from BMHA and will indicate that it is from all BMHA members.

It is with great sadness that I heard of the news as I enjoyed the times I had spent with Hartley in many of the BMHA activities over the years. He was a source of great enjoyment and expertise that one can never replace.

Jean is sending me the obitiuary and has indicated I (we) can post or publish in an upcoming newsletter. I will post it on this newsgroup once I receive it.

Mike, NF0N

214. first Bicycle Mobile contact

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-04 00:21:31 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 214 Message: 214

I mounted my Superantennas MP-1 with mobile kit (an extra long base rod and flexible whip to replace the telescopic top rod) mounted way out back on the rack above the rear tire.

I first tried it last week and had no QSOs. No counterpoise except the bike frame itself.

Today I was at a freind's house (WD8CDH, a neighbor) telling him the story that it didn't work from last week, and I promtly signed onto ECARS at 7255 KHz as QRP Bicycle Mobile. Well the guy in the Poconos (about 150 miles away) just about fell over when I told him I was running 2.5 watts.

I found the MP-1 to have a slightly different low-SWR point from the highest background noise area.

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

GO BILLS!

215. Boston Globe article about Recumbent Bikes

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-04 00:33:06 UTC
From: ka1ttg@aol.com
Topic: 215 Message: 215

An article which ran in today's Boston Globe about Recumbent Bikes. I thought some would find it interesting! Enjoy and 73 de Bob, ka1ttg BELMONT - When Greg Rector goes to work, he likes to kick back and enjoy the ride - on three wheels. Rector, 46, a software engineer, is one of a slowly growing legion of recumbent bike enthusiasts in Massachusetts. Recumbents are odd-looking but reportedly very comfortable bicycles that are longer than regular bikes and much lower to the ground. Most sport a small wheel in front, a larger one in back, wide heart-shaped seats, handlebars high and forward - some liken them to ''chopper''-style motorcycles - and pedals in front of the rider. Odder looking still is Rector's recumbent, a reverse tricycle-style creature with two wheels in front, and one in the back that he said is dubbed the ''tadpole.''''Riding recumbents [is] so comfortable,'' said Rector, a longtime bicycle enthusiast, ''it's allowed me to double the distance I usually could cover.''That includes commuting to work in Waltham from his East Framingham home, he said, a 38-mile round trip. Rector said he rides about 4,000 miles a year.''I'm trying to get car-light,'' Rector said. He added he would consider ditching vehicular transportation altogether, ''but it's tough to do with a family.''So enamored with recumbents was Rector when he first test drove one 41/2 years ago that he bought one right away. ''I was enthralled, totally enthralled. I just couldn't believe how comfortable they were,'' he said.As soon as he bought it, he said, ''I sold my regular bike because I knew I'd never go back.''That sort of testimony does not surprise Scott Chamberlain of Belmont Wheel Works, the state's largest - and one of its only - recumbent bike dealers, and where Rector bought his. Customers come from as far away as New Hampshire and Rhode Island to test and buy the bikes, he said.The store sells a wide variety of all types of bikes, and while recumbent sales are on the low end of total volume, it is all relative, according to Chamberlain.''We probably sell about three recumbents a week,'' he said. ''Which is about 1 percent of our total sales [but] we sell an incredible amount of bikes.''While acceptance of recumbents in the East is growing, it is hardly explosive, in part because they are so hard to find in most bike shops. Some carry a few recumbents, according to Robert Bryant, publisher of Recumbent Cyclist News, but mostly they have to be ordered out of a catalog. Bryant's publication (www.recumbentcyclistnews.com) includes a demographic work-up of typical recumbent riders from his readership. He said 94 percent of recumbent riders are male, with 30 percent 40-50 years old, 35 percent 50-60, and even 5 percent 70-90, all of which he said shows that the older we get, the more comfort we seek in our recreational activities.''I love all kinds of bikes, but if I'm riding for more than an hour, I grab a recumbent,'' he said. ''It's just a lot more comfortable.''Acceptance is growing, Chamberlain said: ''It's one of those things, the more you see it, the more it's accepted. People might feel awkward riding one, but there's a whole new group of consumers getting into it. Before it was perceived as being for the pocket-protector, engineer type, guys with beards and helmets. ''Since recumbents are low to the ground and the seat leans back, it is a more leisurely ride, especially for people using paved bike paths, which abound here, Chamberlain said, such as the 101/2-mile Minuteman Bike Path from Cambridge to Bedford. Also popular is the Paul Dudley White trial, a 17-mile route around both sides of the Charles River in Boston, Cambridge, and Watertown.One drawback some see in recumbents is price, Bryant said. They tend to be a good deal more expensive than regular bikes. One manufacturer, BikeE, the largest recumbent maker in the country, has come out with an entry-level model that starts at $350. Other models boast more features, including

air-shock suspension, and cost up to $2,200, said Lee Eckroth, BikeE's marketing director.''My bike was about double the price of a regular recumbent,'' Rector said. ''But I justify it with the health benefits, fun, and the use I give it.''Recumbents are recommended by many chiropractors for people with back pain; the wide, tube-frame, mesh-covered seatback supports the rider's upper body.When Doug Kelly plummeted over the handlebars of his conventional bicycle last September and fractured both elbows, the last place he expected to eventually land was the seat of a recumbent bike. But that is exactly where he is these days when he rides.Kelly, 49, a Sharon resident and an investment manager in Cambridge, swears by his recumbent, saying that with his injury, it is an extremely comfortable ride.''What I found by getting back on an old-style bike was that you're leaning forward and there's pressure on the arms where I'm still pretty sore,'' Kelly said. ''I tried a recumbent bike and loved it; it's just a much more natural seating position and doesn't bother my arms at all.''And as baby boomers age and seek out more comfortable ways to stay in shape, it bodes well for the recumbent industry.''Yeah, I get some curious looks from people,'' Kelly said. ''Sometimes teenage kids will hoot and honk at me when they drive by, but you know what? At my age, that doesn't bother me anymore.''This story ran on page 05 of the Boston Globe's Northwest Weekly on 6/3/2001. © Copyright (http://www.boston.com/globe/search/copyright.htm) 2001 Globe Newspaper Company. [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

216. Hartley Alley/ Mid-America Bicycle Mobile Camping Trip

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-04 15:07:28 UTC
From: WB9GIE@webtv.net
Topic: 216 Message: 216

Not sure if this went through the first time I sent it, so here's another attempt:

Very sorry to find out about the passing of Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (BMHA) founder Hartley Alley, NA0A. When our paths crossed around 1990 he was one of the few people that understood what most of us bicycle hams had been trying to do and I'll say he did everything he could to support my endeavors and write up articles (many of them!) about my bicycle sation in the BMHA Newsletters. We had many phone conversations back then and whenever I had finished talking to him on the phone I felt like I had gone to a ham radio mobile pep rally! I certainly miss him very much.

In my personal near future, I'll be leaving on a solo bicycle trip early Saturday morning, June 9th,
2001 from my home QTH in Milwaukee, WI heading west and going through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois. I'll be working 3.5
Mhz to 440 Mhz, 2.5 watts AM/FM/SSB/CW, using an FT-817, randomly, throughout the trip. I should be on the road for about 16 days of cycling and camping.

On 6m (my favorite band!) I'll be running 2.5 watts USB to PRO-AM fiberglass 6m whip. On 2m I'll be using a homebrew J-pole and on the HF bands I'll be using my Hustler mobile whip with resonators.

Recent contacts on 6m from Wisconsin on the bicycle include N4HGZ in Wilmington, NC just last week.

Here's a pretty simple WebTV webpage I have updated in the past week or so
that has some photos, links, and info you might find useful:

http://community-2.webtv.net/WB9GIE/WB9GIEsBicycling/

I won't have too much time this week to respond to inquiries, but, I will certainly try my best to answer all questions by the time I leave Saturday morning.

73's
Elroy

Elroy Shelley, Jr.
WB9GIE/qrp/Bicycle Mobile
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

217. Re: HT power connector, placeholder for 25W mobile for now QRP

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-04 21:35:02 UTC
From: w4chl@arrl.net
Topic: 194 Message: 217

Thanks for the ideas - two others came from another group. I have added an ARES connector to one of the two batteries in a battery pack that has no factory seal (added a fuse to both high and low current output, too). As noted in prior responses, the current draw for the 5W HT (measured at 0.85A peak) is dwarfed by the 27A peak current to the motor, so the HT isn't going to unbalance the two battery pack by much. If it does, then I'll setup a 12V float charger on the battery with lesser charge or higher life expectancy (as measured by an ELK Battery Life Tester, see http://www.elkproducts.com/products/elk-blt.htm).

During motor assist there is a definitely audible QRM on 2m and 440MHz, less noticable on 6m. But I can't recall trying to transmit while using motor assist (usually when riding up a hill) when I am also adding a good deal of my own energy to cranking and maintaining speed. While stationary, there is no discernable QRM from the idled power electronics on the bike. One of these days I'll get to pulling together some photos, for now I covet the Bike Mobile station of WB9GIE !

Cheers, Mark (W4CHL and 7tronics, Plc)

218. RE: [BMHA] Re: HT power connector, placeholder for 25W mobile for now QRP

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-05 12:37:43 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 194 Message: 218

I wonder if the qrm that is present on 2m and 70cm is also on 6m, just not recievable due to the rubber duck (I'm assuming that is what you are using)? Oh well, it sounds like you've got it figured out. Have fun this summer!

Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
Product Development Engineer - Sensors
Allegro MicroSystems, Inc
Concord, NH
603.228.5533 ext. 429

-----Original Message-----
From: w4chl@... [mailto:w4chl@...]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2001 5:35 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: HT power connector, placeholder for 25W mobile for now QRP

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Cheers, Mark (W4CHL and 7tronics, Plc)

To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
BMHA-unsubscribe@egroups.com

Feel free to contact the list owner at ke4wmf@... for questions and/or suggestions.

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219. Kid's Day 16June in your area, how about listening for CQs ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-05 18:46:55 UTC
From: w4chl@arrl.net
Topic: 219 Message: 219

Dear BMHA Folks,

Last year I saw an announcement on the ARRL site (updated now):

http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html

and dutifully had my eldest (7yr old girl) calling 'CQ Kids Day' over several area 2m and 6m repeaters in our Central NC area. No one responded. Let's help make this year's Kids Day on Saturday 2001-06-16 (that's 16June2001) a success by just paying a little more attention and responding to that really rare event - someone calling 'CQ' on 2m !

If you are on the air between 1800 and 2400 Z (UTC) and hear someone calling 'CQ Kids Day' I hope you'll take a moment to have a quick QSO with a youngster !

We can get some activity on 2m this year for those of us who STILL haven't gotten their code requirement nor have phone capabilities on the other bands suggested at the URL above.

Please ask your repeater sponsor both to gain permission for use during Kids Day and to alert them (advertise) to the opportunity for gaining interest from young potential hams !

73s, Mark (W4CHL and 7tronics, Plc)

221. Re: Kid's Day 16June in your area, ARRL announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-06 16:15:52 UTC
From: w4chl@arrl.net
Topic: 219 Message: 221

* Kid's Day is just around the corner: On June 16, 1800 to 2400 UTC, kids of all ages are invited to experience ham radio during Kid's Day. Amateurs are encouraged to invite youngsters into their shack to enjoy the fun.

Kid's Day began in 1994 with a one-hour program created by the Boring Amateur Radio Club in Boring, Oregon. The youngsters exchanged names and their favorite colors. Forty kids participated. Last year, more than 1000 took part in the event, now sponsored by ARRL. There's no limit on operating time. The suggested exchange is name, age, location and favorite color.

You may work the same station again if the operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." Complete information is on the ARRL Web site, http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html
and in the June issue of QST, p48.

222. Helmet Head Set & Mike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-13 15:44:22 UTC
From: cpraed@hotmail.com
Topic: 222 Message: 222

This message is for N9SE, who is looking for a Mike combination for Helmet bike use. PRYME.COM has a SPM 800B helmet mike and ear speaker for $ 29.99 and can be found at HRO.

73 Terry Koen N1IWF

223. 3687/10137/18157/24977 Field Day Fun Frequencies :-)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-22 07:32:21 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 223 Message: 223

HFpack invites all bicycle mobiles
to the HFpack Field Day Fun Freqs...
22~24 June 2001 Friday-Saturday-Sunday

Time: 30 minutes past each hour.

HFPack Field Day Fun Frequencies:
18157 USB (CW 18158) +/-5kHz [Day]
24977 USB (CW 24978) +/-5kHz
10137 CW or PSK31
3687 CW [Night]

HFPack is The HF Portable Group with a special emphasis on Pedestrian
Mobile and Human Powered Mobile operation.

Bonnie KQ6XA

224. BikeE suggestions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-24 11:01:38 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 224 Message: 224

I am looking for ideas on setups for a HF QRP station on my new BikeE,
pictures if possible.

Dick, k8rja@...

225. N1RWY /BM web

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-25 13:07:40 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 225 Message: 225

Good morning all,
I hope that Field Day treated you all well, and blessed you with many qsos.

I spent the weekend fighting off the last traces of a cold and putting the finishing touches on my new ham station, the N1RWY/ BM (bicycle mobile).

I had a great time working folks on Field Day, running a Hamstick for 20 meters and 2.5 watts from the FT-817.

My favorite comment of FD I received when working a YL operating in Ohio after I told her that I was on my bicycle..

"You are operating from where?? On a BICYCLE??"

More information about the bike, the rig and the system are on the new web site I created.

http://www.cutlerhealth.umaine.edu/~baack/bikemobile/

OK.. Who wants skeds?

- Jay N1RWY

226. Nice Site

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-28 11:45:23 UTC
From: Paul Gerhardt
Topic: 226 Message: 226

Jay,

Nice Site!
73, Paul Gerhardt
K3PG
Bike E rider

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Get your FREE download of MSN Explorer at http://explorer.msn.com

227. Re: HF on Bike E

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-28 12:01:09 UTC
From: Paul Gerhardt
Topic: 227 Message: 227

As a Bike E owner for the last 5 years or so I have operated with a 2M HT and rubber duck a few times but this year I bought an '817 and have thought about mounting an HF antenna on it. Someone pointed me to a site that shows an accesary 'toolbox' that mounts to the back of the fram that someone though could be used to mount an antenna on w/o with putting a hole in the Bike E but my inclination would be to just put a hole in the back of the frame for a hamstick or hustler.

Has anybody doen this? Will the hole affect anything on the Bike ?

73,

Paul Gerhardt K3PG

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228. Re: [BMHA] Re: HF on Bike E

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-28 15:32:13 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 227 Message: 228

Hey Paul,
Warranty of the bike.
I am thinking of doing this for my wife's bikee as well.
I spoke to my local recumbent dealer about this question since I had to order some stuff for him anyway.{ http://www.stillwaterrecumbents.com }

He said that if you drill a hole in the frame you will void the warranty for the bike, and resale value would drop. He did not convey any information about the hole compromising the bikes integrity.

He did mention some sort of carry device that most recumbent dealers carry, the mount slides on the bike much similar to the way that the seat does. I guess some folks use these to mount a milk crate to the bike to carry stuff. That, plus additional grounding might work for you.

I was thinking that if you put a rack on the back of the bike, you could mount the antenna to it. (After you scrape all of the paint for your grounding connections.) That way you have not 'devalued' the bike and on the other hand gained an antenna mount as well as a place for some additional storage. (battery storage for the radio, additional antennas, APRS trackers, just to name a few.)

Just my 2 cents..

Jay n1rwy/bm
(Not affiliated with the above mentioned bike dealer.. just a VERY happy customer.)

baack@...
http://www.cutlerhealth.umaine.edu/~baack/bikemobile/

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> Paul Gerhardt K3PG

229. Antenna mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-06-29 10:51:15 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 229 Message: 229

I just purchased a couple of the accessary mounting brackets (they are sold as a package of two) and they slide onto the frame and are secured by a quick-release cam, however there is no electrical ground connection as the parts that contact the frame are hard rubber. If a metal platform were bolted to the brackets and a ground wire run to a bolt on the frame, I believe it would serve as a practical antenna mount. The brackets are pictured on the BikeE page (www.BikeE.com) under accessaries.

230. impressing a neighbor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-02 19:58:28 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 230 Message: 230

Yesterday I was bicycling around with the FT-817. I have a neighbor ham whom I have never met. I heard a stomping signal on 40AM and gave him a call. He just about fell out of his chair when I said I was bicycle mobile. He asked if it was the new Icom. Well, I told him it was a Yaesu and he should come out to his driveway to see it. What a hoot.

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

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231. Re: [FT817] impressing a neighbor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-02 20:20:02 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 231 Message: 231

RE: [FT817] impressing a neighborHow do you mount/ carry your 817 on the bike & have it accessible but not overly precarious/ vulnerable (& operable without distracting you from control of the bike, etc.)?

I enjoy cycling and have thought it would be fun to take my 817 along (especially once I get my MP-1 which should arrive in a few days), but have been trying to think of how to do it so as not to smash up the radio, bike, or myself in the process.

Well, let's see...

At Dayton (Hamvention) I saw the booth for RAM Mount (http://www.ram-mount.com/) and was impressed, as I was last year. They are very interested in selling through distributors but I cajoled the guy into selling me the floor samples at the end of the show.

Basically they have doodywahs that clamp onto the handlebars. Then there is a rubber ball and a stalk thingy. Topping it all off is a plate, or GPS mount, or whatever. So the plate has this other bracket just about as wide as the FT-817 and the 817 stays in the bracket, held in with Velcro. The 817 and the GPS seem to float above and in front of the handlebar. The angles are continuously selectable.

I have not yet gone to a gel-cell power system, just running both on internal batteries.

Back on the utility rack over the rear wheel is a flat aluminum plate and a MP-1 with mobile kit. I have a spring so the whole magilla can flex when I tip the bike down to mount it.

I have talked 200 miles on 40m, and heard lots of DX on the higher bands. Not many QSOs because I am just dabbling so far.

Now, I'm off to the bike store to try a recumbent, which may require a whole 'nother mount idea.

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

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232. Re: [BMHA] Re: [BMHA] impressing a neighbor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-03 14:35:41 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 232 Message: 232

> RE: [FT817] impressing a neighborHow do you mount/ carry your 817 on the
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> without distracting you from control of the bike, etc.)?

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> http://www.ram-mount.com/) and was impressed, as I was last year. They are
> very interested in selling through distributors but I cajoled the guy into
> selling me the floor samples at the end of the show.

What a small world..
I sent email to the ram folks last week about mounting my 817 to the
handlebars of my recumbent.

This is what they sent back to me:

**
The systems that would work best for your application and incorporate a
RAM-B-149Z base are as follows:

RAM-B-231Z U-bolt mounting base ($15.59)
RAM-B-201 double socket arm assembly ($19.05)
RAM-B-111B ($19.20) or RAM-B-202 ($14.67)

Total $53.84

The RAM-B-111B, universal electronics base only, is the 2"X6" plate that can
be seen on the B-111. The RAM-B-202 is a 2 1/2" dia base that could be
attached to the radio using hardware or an adhesive pad(RAM-202PSA).
**(If you use this adhesive pad, you will not be able to get to the battery
compartment.)**
Contact one of our online dealers or Varga Intl. at 800-966-6936 for more
information or pricing. Thanks for including the link. That was a big
help!
***

I figured that I might be able to do the same thing with a whole lot less,
(which I think I did) and that information is on the web site below.
http://www.cutlerhealth.umaine.edu/~baack/bikemobile/

Total cost was about $7.00, and the radio removes very easily in the case of
bad weather.

> Back on the utility rack over the rear wheel is a flat aluminum plate and
> a MP-1 with mobile kit. I have a spring so the whole magilla can flex when
> I tip the bike down to mount it.

I have yet to find a spring or a fold over mount that works well. I always
have SWR problems with them as they flex, which is why I went to a hamstick,

and resolved to remove the stinger every time I need to bring the bike inside. However, having said that, some others have used a outbacker and have had good results from 30 meters and up. On 40 and below, there are some major grounding issues that need to be addressed as your bike frame just is not enough "metal" to provide a sufficient ground system. You have to be real creative here!

> I have talked 200 miles on 40m, and heard lots of DX on the higher bands.
> Not many QSOs because I am just dabbling so far.

I busted a pileup on 20m the other day, what fun is that! 2.5w, hamstick, and 13 mph cruising down the road, I had a real big grin at that point!

> Now, I'm off to the bike store to try a recumbent, which may require a
> whole 'nother mount idea.

Welcome Pres, to the way riding is meant to be!
(evil recumbent rider grin here..)

I hope you find your way to but a new recumbent in your collection of bikes, I think you will like it.

Jay N1RWY
http://www.cutlerhealth.umaine.edu/~baack/bikemobile/

233. Re: [BMHA] Re: [BMHA] impressing a neighbor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-03 16:13:46 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 232 Message: 233

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> be seen on the B-111. The RAM-B-202 is a 2 1/2" dia base that could be
> attached to the radio using hardware or an adhesive pad(RAM-202PSA).
> **(If you use this adhesive pad, you will not be able to get to the
battery
> compartment.)**

I have the 2x6 base. I am thinking of a huge Velcro pad on the bottom of the radio, with sufficient cuts to allow the battery case to open. If the 2x6 base isn't big enough I may connect something larger and flat to be as big as the radio.

Putting fuzzy Velcro on the bottom of the radio would be nice for several reasons, like anti-scratch on tables etc.

BTW actual VELCRO brand Velcro is available at Home Depot and is good stuff

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

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234. Re: [BMHA] Re: [BMHA] impressing a neighbor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-03 16:20:11 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 232 Message: 234

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> http://www.cutlerhealth.umaine.edu/~baack/bikemobile/
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> Total cost was about $7.00, and the radio removes very easily in the case
of
> bad weather.

Yeah, I saw the page a few days ago also...

But what is the details of how the radio attaches to the mount?

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

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235. side rails idea

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-03 19:11:03 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 235 Message: 235

Pursuant to a simplex discussion I am having with Jay about mounting the FT-817...

It seems Yaesu is in no hurry to come out with a mobile or bicycle mobile mounting bracket. We came up with an idea:

Perhaps a side rail sort of thing, replacing the shoulder strap bracket and running from the front 2 side-screws to the back 2 side-screws. Mounted INTO this rail would be 2 6mm screw receptacles so that thumbscrews could mount the radio into a bracket. Kind of like the FT-100.

Any small manufacturers (W6MMA or W4WB for example) want to think about making these?

Thumbscrews:

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FT-817 top view looking down the sides //

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This is a side view of the concept. The rails screw into the sides of the radio, and only stick out enough to accommodate the 6mm screw sockets, represented by the double "0" symbol. The little "v" represents where it screws into the radio. If unobtrusive enough they can be left on all the time.

Alright, I got a little carried away with the ASCII-art, if it even qualifies. Boy, I hope most of you can see it

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

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236. Wow!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-07 03:06:30 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 236 Message: 236

Wow! I was out riding my bicycle this evening, and 20m was booming! I had the 817 and the PW-1 mounted out on the rack over the rear wheel. UY9IF had pileups from The Ukraine, working the IOTA contest. It took many tries but he came back to me (after the schmucks in Detroit kept calling him as he asked for islands) with a 5-7. Good thing I am on on island!

Pres Waterman, W2PW
c/o Patchogue 112 Ford//Kia 112
Long Island Ford and Kia Dealer

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237. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-18 19:24:30 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 237

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /Combo.jpg
Uploaded by : k8rja@...
Description : BikeE mobile with MFJ Cub and Hustler mobile antenna mounted with BikeE accessary mounting brackets. I'm still working on the paddle mount.

You can access this file at the URL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/Combo.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

k8rja@...

238. Re: [BMHA] New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-18 20:31:00 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 79 Message: 238

> File : /Combo.jpg
> Uploaded by : k8rja@...
> Description : BikeE mobile with MFJ Cub and Hustler mobile antenna mounted with BikeE accessary mounting brackets. I'm still working on the paddle mount.

GREAT! I just got a BikeE CT yesterday. I am seeking ideas about 1 long antenna mount also. I have the two brackets on order and also the tool tray that slides inside the frame.

But I would appreciate much closer shots of the antenna mount please.

Currently I am considering drilling 2 holes in the frame in the back and attaching about a 10" aluminum flat bracket to stick out over the rear tire, and mounting the 3/8"x24 receptacle there for the MP-1 antenna on a spring.

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

GO BILLS!

239. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-19 13:29:04 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 239

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /MFJ Cub and MP.JPG
Uploaded by : k8rja@...
Description : MFJ Cub, battery and Palm Mini-paddle mounted on the BikeE

You can access this file at the URL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/MFJ%20Cub%20and%20MP.JPG

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

k8rja@...

240. BikeE mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-19 13:50:44 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 240 Message: 240

I have just uploaded a picture of the radio equipment mounted on the BikeE. The Cub is mounted by a bracket held by the water bottle bracket bolt on the rider side of the steering post. The ten cell battery is held on top of the Cub by a velcro strap. The paddle is the retractable Palm MiniPaddle. I would love to see some other ham/rider's set ups. Questions or suggestions?
Dick k8rja@...

241. FT-817, BikeE and antennas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-21 17:06:33 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 241 Message: 241

Hi. I just got a BikeE recumbent (love it, love it, love it!) and have decided to mount an aluminum angle rod from the rear wheel mount up via the seat back to a 3/8"x24 mount.

What does the group feel is a better antenna mounted high like that...

1 Superantennas MP-1 manually adjusted
2 6 or 8 foot whip and a Z-11 autotuner?

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

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242. Any experience with Titan RPSY-10, I know its not an FT817 !

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-07-26 18:06:25 UTC
From: 7tronics Plc, M Smith
Topic: 242 Message: 242

For those whose budget can't accomodate an FT817, what does anyone have to say about the Titan RPSY-10 10m HT ? I already have and use an Icom T8a (70cm/2m/6m) or Pryme 460 (for 70cm and GMRS to non-ham family members) for bike mobile operation and thought that the Titan might be the next addition to my bike mobile capabilities.

73s, Mark W4CHL

243. Newsletter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-06 14:41:45 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 243 Message: 243

I've been looking forward to the newsletter, wha happen? I didn't get
a secret decoder ring either.

244. Re: [BMHA] Newsletter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-06 18:11:02 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 243 Message: 244

Should be one coming out soon, although might be
missing
the secret decoder ring!

I think I sent you one or two of the back issues, did
you receive them all OK?

73-Mike, NF0N
--- k8rja@... wrote:
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> happen? I didn't get
> a secret decoder ring either.
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245. Re: Newsletter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-06 20:10:34 UTC
From: k8rja@arrl.net
Topic: 243 Message: 245

Yes I did Mike, thanks.
--- In BMHA@y..., Mike Nickolaus <nf0n@a...> wrote:
> Should be one coming out soon, although might be
> missing
> the secret decoder ring!
>
> I think I sent you one or two of the back issues, did
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246. Decoder ring

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-06 23:35:25 UTC
From: Dave Porterfield
Topic: 246 Message: 246

How many Ovaltine seals does it take to get a secret decoder ring?

247. Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-11 00:12:00 UTC
From: David Porterfield
Topic: 247 Message: 247

Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen (WPW) bought their custom jerseys from Voler whose URL is http://www.voler.com. I assume somebody checked prices with other manufacturers. I checked with a manufacturer in Coraopolis, PA, and learned that they can't make custom jerseys. WPW sent the artist's design to Voler.

Dave Porterfield

248. Re: Newsletter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-12 01:40:54 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 243 Message: 248

Hi, I've been in the middle of a transfer. I'm JUST now back into a computer, although I miss the government computer I had been using. The Newsletter is a little more than half complete. I'm hoping to get it out by September. It will explain some upcoming changes to its periodicity due to my being attached to a ship. 73, Scott Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

249. Newsletter Almost Complete...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-17 05:28:54 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 249 Message: 249

Greetings, Contributors! The Newsletter is nearly complete. I'm still waiting for the following: 1) Webmaster's Corner from Skip - If you make any comments regarding Hartley, I'll probably move them to the front page. I'm trying to make the front page "All Hartley." I never did get a clear photo of him, though. 2) Some Letters/Q&A - I just saw some really good stuff on the YahooGroups list that I'll transcribe. That FT-817 is a really hot item. It appears to have a regular spot in the Newsletter. 3) Address for membership renewals? Mike, there's an "I" (aye) on the membership renewal form. I forget... does it belong there? Also, I wrote a paragraph that shows the status of our membership. I mentioned the new mailing labels and that beginning in 2002, only paid members will receive the Newsletter. This Issue and Future Issues... 1) It looks like I won't get a OCT/NOV/DEC issue out. My ship will be at sea for nearly the whole quarter, returning on December 20th. Should I make the JAN/FEB/MAR issue the last one for members who aren't paid up? 2) Someone named Richard "Dick" Arnold sent a very good article for the Newsletter. I'd like to use it, but don't know his callsign, e-mail address (got lost when I turned in the gov't laptop), or club status. I didn't find his name in the club roster. The name of the article is "Against the Wind," but talks more about HF mobiling. Dick, if you're out there and get this, can you e-mail me? BMHA Officers, are we printing articles from non-members if Dick (or anyone else) turns out to not be affiliated with the club? 3) The feature article this month is "Cycling El Camino del Diablo (Almost)" by N7NET (finally, right?). ;-) I'm considering either Dick's article or VE3JC's Mammoth article on QRP operation for the next issue. Bil's FT-817 is on deck as well, but may wait a little longer, depending on how well I'm filling the space. 4) It's possible that instead of omitting the OCT/NOV/DEC issue that I may do an abbreviated issue, just to make contact and keep something flowing. I'm figuring either a single-sheeter with just club news and announcements or a single, folded 11x17 (four printed pages). Let me know what you think of this. 5) Also, Dave Gerbig, WB9MZL, is now a silent key. Although I want Hartely to have the front page, I don't want to leave Dave out. I never knew him, but he appears to have contributed heavily to the club. Therefore, I pulled the "Letters" section that normally appears on the back cover and gave Dave the back cover. I think that about covers the upcoming issue. I'll be sending it Ed soon for PDF conversion. Let me know if there's anything else you'd like added or considered. 73, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor BMHA Discussion List Owner/Moderator http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

250. RAC 2002 Natiional Convention!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-27 07:30:02 UTC
From: Mike Roberts
Topic: 250 Message: 250

Hello All.

This email is to inform everyone of the upcomming
Radio Amateurs of Canada 2002 National Convention.
This even will be held July 26, 27, 28th of 2002 in
Vernon, British Columbia, Canada. For those who are
unfamiliar with RAC, it is the Canadian version of
ARRL. This event is the second ever put on, with the
first happening 5 years ago in Calgary, Alberta. It
was a major success. This event was one of the
largest amateur radio events EVER in Canada. This
upcomming convention will be the largest amateur radio
event over the last 5 years in Canada.

This is meant to inform radio amateurs who might be
interested in attending.

Additional Information is available online at

http://www.rac2002.org/

Please forward this email to anyone you know that
might be interested.

See you there,

Mike Roberts,
VE7KED/VA7EEE
DN09hv

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251. Bike E Suspension Fork Recall...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-08-30 22:35:27 UTC
From: Scott aka Stealth TDI
Topic: 251 Message: 251

Hi,

I'm shopping for a BikeE and found this recall online. Visit
http://www.bikee.com/recall/index.shtml for more details.

73,

Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
BMHA Newsletter Editor

252. Re: Bike E Suspension Fork Recall...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-10 16:52:11 UTC
From: cehingston@military.com
Topic: 251 Message: 252

--- In BMHA@y..., "Scott aka Stealth TDI" <ke4wmf@a...> wrote:
> Hi,
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> I'm shopping for a BikeE and found this recall online. Visit
> http://www.bikee.com/recall/index.shtml for more details.
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> 73,
>
> Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
> BMHA Newsletter Editor

253. Re: Bike E Suspension Fork Recall...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-10 16:52:02 UTC
From: cehingston@military.com
Topic: 251 Message: 253

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> http://www.bikee.com/recall/index.shtml for more details.
>
> 73,
>
> Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
> BMHA Newsletter Editor

scott i have a bike-e for sale if you are still interested email @ cehingstson@...

254. bike-e for sale

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-10 16:55:44 UTC
From: cehingston@military.com
Topic: 254 Message: 254

bike-e model AT fenders, quick release for handle bars,pannier rack,
rack clips, bike-e bag ($80 value) in frame tool bin,
cyclometer,sweet seat bike located in cortland n.y. asking $1000
send email to cehingston@...

255. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike E Suspension Fork Recall...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-11 12:40:44 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 251 Message: 255

scott

i have a bike -e for sale if you are interested

charlie

Military.com: your address for everything military http://www.military.com
Free email. Personnel Locator. Thousands of homepages for units, ships, squadrons, and more.

256. Re: Bike E Suspension Fork Recall...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-12 15:35:17 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 251 Message: 256

Hi,

> i have a bike -e for sale if you are interested

My recumbent purchase will be a distant one. I'm still saving... and having second thoughts about the BikeE. I have my eye on a WizWheelz Terra Trike. although it's more expensive, it seems to also be more fun, more stable, faster, and just a better bike in general. My preferences may continue to sway as I do more research and, perhaps, ride a few bikes.

Take Care,

Scott

257. Bicycle Antenna Suggestions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-20 12:47:13 UTC
From: kb0jul@arrl.net
Topic: 257 Message: 257

Greetings:

I'm looking for information on setting up an antenna for bicycle HF operation. Need suggestions for antennas, and how to mount them. Do I need some type of counterpoise? Any tips (websites, books, etc) would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Dan KB0JUL

258. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Antenna Suggestions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-20 16:08:19 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 257 Message: 258

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> I'm looking for information on setting up an antenna for bicycle HF
> operation. Need suggestions for antennas, and how to mount them. Do
> I need some type of counterpoise? Any tips (websites, books, etc)
> would be greatly appreciated.
>

Your question would be easier to answer if you specify the type
recumbent/regular/mountain, etc.) of bike you have in mind

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

GO BILLS!

259. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Antenna Suggestions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-20 23:06:00 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 257 Message: 259

Hi Dan,
Pictures are worth a thousand words, so check out the member web sites on the bmha page. This will give you ideas on the physical mounting for a mobile antenna.

As for which antenna to use, a lot depends on your rig. For single band use, hamsticks are great. For multiband operation, I love my Outbacker. Don't pay full price for one - be patient and you can pick one up at fleamarkets / swapshops for a reasonable price.

Any counterpoise other than the bicycle itself is impractical. You can adjust your antenna (or add a "capacity hat") to achieve resonance with the limited counterpoise your bike provides. An SWR analyser (eg MFJ 259) is great for tuning before you head out on the road. Be sure to test antenna resonance while you are sitting on the bike - Your body makes a difference!

Keep us posted on how you make out!

73, JC

| VE3JC John Cumming
Q | London, ON CANADA
/\ | jbcumming@...
@` /?----? hf qrp cw bicycle mobile
(?) \(?) http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/

kb0jul@... wrote:

> I'm looking for information on setting up an antenna for bicycle HF...

> Dan KB0JUL

260. Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-22 14:59:55 UTC
From: kb0jul@arrl.net
Topic: 260 Message: 260

Thanks for everyone's tips. I think I have enough information to get started. I plan to mount a hustler or other similar antenna to my Mountain bike frame, and operate CW with a SW-20+.

Best regards,

Dan KB0JUL

266. Re: Money Maker! (as seen on TV)... New Subscription Rules...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-09-23 21:30:35 UTC
From: Scott aka Stealth TDI
Topic: 266 Message: 266

Hi,

Please excuse the SPAM that prompted this response. The person that sent this HUGE message has been removed from the BMHA list without warning. All of the original posts have been removed.

I had noticed that someone subscribed, then quickly unsubscribed. It may have been the offender. Therefore, this board now requires approval for membership and temporary moderation for new members. This should not effect current members; but should prevent this from happening again. Off-topic messages, especially of this nature, will not be tolerated. I hope my other moderators will make the same swift response when I am at sea.

The list may be a little slow lately. But let's keep the off-topic stuff elsewhere.

Thanks,

Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF
BMHA Newsletter Editor
BMHA Discussion List Owner/Moderator
http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf

PS: The Newsletter is finally done and waiting for postage. You'll see it soon.

268. Mission Complete...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-10-04 00:16:38 UTC
From: ke4wmf@aol.com
Topic: 268 Message: 268

Hi, The Newsletter has finally hit the mail... all except the International copies. They're next. Sorry it took so long. Military transfers and heightened security have set me back a bit. I have most of the material for the next Newletter. Since this one is so late and I'm deploying until late-December, I'll skip the 4th quarter Newsletter and get the next one out early in January. Skip, I'm having troubles accessing the e-Subscriber's list online. Can you send me the updated e-mail list? Thanks, Scott A. Farrell, KE4WMF BMHA Newsletter Editor BMHA Discussion List Owner/Moderator http://members.aol.com/ke4wmf [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

269. g3zhi bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-11-22 09:48:08 UTC
From: ian abel
Topic: 269 Message: 269

i often work mobile while cycling using the irlp internet repeater
linking system and often talk to the states and canada
for more information on this exciting project please visit my web site
http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi

if your local repeater is connected to irlp please call me on node 520
my qth is maltby about 160 miles north of london

look forward to talking to you from uk bike to bike

73 ian

270. Dayton HamVention BMHA Forum Speakers Needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-01 18:29:42 UTC
From: nf0n@arrl.net
Topic: 270 Message: 270

We have been approved for our yearly BMHA forum for the 2002 HamVention. The forum theme for 2002 is Emergency Communications. I am looking for volunteers who would be interested in presenting at our forum with the theme of Emergency Communications. It should be bicycle related of course. I have received word from the HamVention forum coordinator that some forums could be bumped for additional theme forums and I would certainly like to be prepared to have a forum topic that is related to the 2002 theme.

Please contact me if you are interested.

73-Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

271. Re: [BMHA] Dayton HamVention BMHA Forum Speakers Needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-02 17:38:51 UTC
From: Skip La Fetra
Topic: 270 Message: 271

I'll get this on the website, Mike.

I'm a bit limited, in that I've been caught in the ATT/Excite bruhaha which has disabled my cable
Internet access. I still do have dialup, so I'm expecting that I can get the update posted....

- Skip AA6WK

----- Original Message -----
From: <nf0n@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2001 10:29 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Dayton HamVention BMHA Forum Speakers Needed

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> HamVention. The forum theme for 2002 is Emergency Communications. I
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> BMHA Forum Moderator
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272. Re: [BMHA] Dayton HamVention BMHA Forum Speakers Needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-02 17:41:10 UTC
From: Skip La Fetra
Topic: 270 Message: 272

The risks of using "reply". I thought that I was replying to Mike, but instead sent it off to the
group mailing address.

You all now know that I use ATT Broadband for my cable Internet access (and I don't even use cable
television). No harm done.

I'll get this onto the BMHA website shortly.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

----- Original Message -----
From: "Skip La Fetra" <Skip@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2001 9:38 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Dayton HamVention BMHA Forum Speakers Needed

> I'll get this on the website, Mike.
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273. Beginning Work On Next Newsletter...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-02 21:48:52 UTC
From: Farrell, Scott PO
Topic: 273 Message: 273

Greetings from the South Pacific!

I'm starting to piece together the Jan/Feb/Mar Newsletter. I'm
short on Q&As and other tidbits. If any of you have something you'd like to
appear in the Newsletter, feel free to send them my way.

73,

Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
BMHA Newsletter Editor
BMHA Discussion List Owner/Moderator
http://members.aol.com/KE4WMF

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

274. Re: [BMHA] Beginning Work On Next Newsletter...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-03 00:56:22 UTC
From: Skip La Fetra
Topic: 273 Message: 274

I have to ask, Scott --

Where in the south Pacific?

My wife and I spent our 20th wedding anniversary in Tahiti (actually Bora-Bora and Moorea), and a
few months later won a radio-station contest and went back (Tahiti and Bora-Bora).

I'm sure the USCG isn't into such spectacular accomodations, but I'm curious as to where you've
been.

- Skip AA6WK

----- Original Message -----
From: "Farrell, Scott PO" <sfarrell@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2001 1:48 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Beginning Work On Next Newsletter...

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> 73,
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> Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby spamming.
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275. MFJ Mini bug catcher

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-03 12:43:16 UTC
From: Dwight
Topic: 275 Message: 275

Has anyone tried the new "Mini Bug Catcher" from MFJ? It looks like it would be ideal for bicycle mobile and the price is right. It is advertised to work on 40 through 6 meters, but I suspect it could also work on 2 if you telescope the whip down to 18 inches.

Dwight
KO6FE

276. Trike mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-03 12:47:04 UTC
From: Dwight
Topic: 276 Message: 276

Hello,
I have a Dragonflyer trike (Similar to Greenspeed, but made in USA.)
I am looking for ideas for mounting a rig to the large diameter
tubing that the trike is made from. Does anyone have any suggestions?

Dwight
KO6FE

277. Re: Beginning Work On Next Newsletter...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-03 14:28:56 UTC
From: Farrell, Scott PO
Topic: 273 Message: 277

Mike (and all),

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> but I'm curious as to where you've
> been.

Due to the fact that we're on a counternarcotics patrol, I can't say where we are, but I'll post what I put in a recent e-mail:

Things haven't been very exciting around here lately. I can't tell you exactly what we're doing out here. But I will say that it's like a game of chess: There are two players, many moveable (deployed) pieces, and sometimes a given piece may not move for a while in order to keep another piece in check. Well, we're a piece that hasn't moved for a while. We've been at sea ever since we left San Diego about a month ago. We're unsure of when we'll get a break. But we find ways to cut loose while we're out here. I'll give you more info when our role in this "game" is over.

There hasn't been a lot of busy days, but we still manage to keep ourselves occupied. My qualifications for Landing Signals Officer (LSO) Phone Talker are nearly complete. Once I pass an LSO physical, which should be interesting, I can start the qualification process for LSO. I also intend to get recertified as a Aircraft Direction Controller, just in case the other controllers need assistance. Flight deck operations provide a little entertainment. We play a little "Helo Roulette" when the helicopter shuts down. You see, each of the four blades are marked with a specific color (red, blue, yellow, black) to indicate their place on the airframe. We try to guess which one will stop closest to us. We also try to guess how much fuel will go into the helo when we refuel it. Yeah, pretty dumb! Sometimes it doesn't take much to amuse us out here. ;-) Some of the guys in the shop are in the process of writing a fictional novel about the Coast Guard. It seems pretty interesting, especially since it's based on REAL events of the CG and the true atmosphere at sea. Some of the books floating around out there about the CG were quite obviously written by people who know nothing about the CG, or the military in general. I look forward to the final release. It has a lot of funny stuff in it, based on the shenanigans that take place at sea. Our most recent shipboard adventure included the "DC Olympics." Basically, we break up into teams and practice

damage control stuff and try to set time records. For the most part, it's a chance to play in the water and make a lot of noise.

For those that don't know, we crossed the Equator about a week ago. Initiations will begin tomorrow and carry on through Monday morning. "Haircut Insurance" has been on sale for a bit now. The "barber" usually leaves some pretty demented hair styles in his wake. The women are a little concerned. I told one that we don't use clippers on women. She was relieved until I told her that a nice set of bolt cutters removes a ponytail in one quick snip! ;-) Ah, the fond memories of past initiations: the haircut, the bobbing tank (filled with Tabasco and pepper oil), the whale's belly (don't ask!), kissing the "Royal Baby's" belly, throwing all your clothes over the side 'cause you'll never get the stench out of them, then running to the shower to spend 30-mins trying to get all the peanut butter, oatmeal, and sour cream out of your ears and hair. Hopefully, my days of being a wog are long behind me. I'm untouchable, unless we cross into the Arctic Circle... very unlikely! I'll be sure to tell you all about it.

Well, I should go. It's late and I may be busy tomorrow. I have insurance policies to void and other things to tend to.

As you can see, we've been nowhere, really. Normally, these southern patrols bring us ports in Acapulco, Mazalan, and Puerto Villarta, Mexico (may have goofed spelling). We were scheduled to pull into Manta, Equador. That didn't happen. Some say our operation necessitated an extension... some say it was never going to happen in the first place due to force protection issues. No one really knows... and that's probably not a bad thing. Even an upcoming port visit that "can't be cancelled" could be cancelled if our operation dictates it. A good sailor learns to be flexible and not expect things like liberty ports. A better sailor does it without becoming a grouch about it. ;-) Previous patrols on another Cutter have taken me to Equador, Panama, Columbia, Jamaica, Curacao, and others. Visit my homepage (link below) and check out my Coast Guard Page for more.

I know I didn't answer your question. But perhaps you understand why. I will continue to work on the Newsletter. Any information that can be sent to me will be beneficial.

73,

Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
BMHA Newsletter Editor
BMHA Discussion List Owner/Moderator
http://members.aol.com/KE4WMF

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

278. bicycle mobile activity?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-26 15:00:30 UTC
From: g3zhi
Topic: 278 Message: 278

do you operate bicycle mobile if so please let me know when and where
i operate mobile most days while cycling

73 ian

279. Re: [BMHA] bicycle mobile activity?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-28 00:28:29 UTC
From: Allan Howell
Topic: 278 Message: 279

--- g3zhi <g3zhi@...> wrote:
> do you operate bicycle mobile > 73 ian

I have a couple of times. Finally got everything
together but need a little fine tuning.

Trying to use my 817 on my V-rex with a Comet UHV-6
antenna on the rear rack. Winter has arrived in
central Indiana so the bike mobile will have to wait
till it warms up a little. Hope the cold snap doesn't
hang around too long. 72...Al WD9DKL

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http://greetings.yahoo.com

280. irlp internet linked repeater near you for a bike qso from uk?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2001-12-26 23:30:08 UTC
From: g3zhi
Topic: 280 Message: 280

please go to this web site to see if there is a irlp repeater
near you that is linked to the uk via the internet
if there is then lets make a sked for a bike/bike qso

http://www.ipass.net/~jimprice/irlp/

73 ian

281. Intra-aural mics (Eartalk, Earmic)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-01-09 20:43:18 UTC
From: gcziko
Topic: 281 Message: 281

I am interested operating my handheld transceiver while riding my bike and have been trying to find a within-ear microphne,

Genesys makes a unit called Eartalk, but I cannot find any dealers who stock.

I'd appreciate hearing from anyone who has had experience using an intra-aural mic or knows where to get one to fit my Kenwood TH-F6A.

--Gary N9MJZ

282. New Files Uploaded

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-01-25 20:41:29 UTC
From: k6lcs
Topic: 282 Message: 282

I just uploaded four pictures of my first bicycle radio installation.
If you have a chance, please let me know if I'm on the right track!

Clint Bradford, K6LCS

283. Re: Intra-aural mics (Eartalk, Earmic)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-01-26 17:15:01 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 281 Message: 283

I can't help locate the EarTalk, as I bought mine (mail-order from Jun's Electronics in Los Angeles) about a decade ago.

However, I can report that I'm quite pleased with the product and it seems to work well. It will NOT eliminate background or wind noise, however, and you will get reports that your transmit audio has a bit of a "hollow" sound (similar to someone using a speakerphone).

An article I wrote (http://www.lafetra.com/skip/AA6WK/Articles/CQ-VHF/April-1998.htm) shows my setup, although one photo shows me with a boom mike -- the others show using the EarTalk.

I use the earlier Kenwood series of handhelds on the bike (TH-26A, TH-77A).

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA webmaster

--- In BMHA@y..., "gcziko" <g-cziko@u...> wrote:
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> Kenwood TH-F6A.
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> --Gary N9MJZ

284. Eartalk

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-01-26 22:46:58 UTC
From: Dennis E. Murphy
Topic: 284 Message: 284

Hello, All . . .

Looks like these folks (in Kansas City) might be a source.

http://www.wavehunter.com/earphkmk.htm

73,

Dennis KD5QJR

285. RE: [BMHA] Intra-aural mics (Eartalk, Earmic)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-01-26 16:09:12 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 281 Message: 285

Otto Engineering, www.ottoeng.com, has a complete line of headsets for public safety and related radios. They may have what you are looking for.

-----Original Message-----
From: gcziko [mailto:g-cziko@...]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 2:43 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Intra-aural mics (Eartalk, Earmic)

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286. RAGBRAI Route for 2002

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-02-05 16:53:22 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 286 Message: 286

Here is the overnight town route for 2002 RAGBRAI (Registers Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa).

Dates: July 21-27

Starts at Sioux Center, Iowa
Cherokee
Emmetsburg
Forest City
Charles City
Oelwein
Anamosa
Bellevue

If anyone is interested in riding with the "Megacycles Team" please contact me and I can arrange. Openings are limited as always.

For more details, look at http://www.ragbrai.org

RAGBRAI is the largest organized ride and this will be the 30th year.

Also, Iowa is not flat.

73-Mike, NF0N

287. BikeE HF System... comments after a month of HFing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-02-20 04:32:23 UTC
From: xtalradio
Topic: 287 Message: 287

A few comments from a "renewed" HF bike operator... and a description of my recently built system after a month of operating fun.
I like my BikeE as an HF /Human Powered Mobile... it puts the rider in a good position for radio operation while simultaneously maintaining control of the bike. [Because the Bike-E is not as "laid-back" as other recumbants.] I also find it much easier than a standard bike for radio operation... but the standard bike is, of course, more efficient peddling uphill.
Although I operated a CB radio from a bicycle as a youngster (many years ago), I have recently become a bent HF bicycle-mobile enthusiast (guinea pig?). I just had my first HF Bike-to-Bike CW & SSB contact with Mohan VE7FM (also bent) last weekend on 18157.5kHz (HFpack). I've also had many many HF contacts with pedestrians, bases, mobiles using this system from 40m through 10m on HF; as well as 2m and 440.
Here is a description of my BikeE HF system:

My /HPM system:

BikeE "recumbant" bicycle Model AT with fairing (windshield).
Rig: FT-817 on handlebars mounted in front water-bottle bracket. The Mountain-Ops nylon FT-817 case provides rig padding and good spring fit for the rig in the water bottle bracket. Velcro strips secure the rig into the bracket and provide easy removal when needed. It's almost as if the FT-817 was made to fit in this water bottle bracket!
Power: Internal NiMH AA (R/C pack), good for 2 hours. I keep a spare pack in the pannier bag... good enough for 4 hours continuous SSB operation at 5W. Considering adding a bigger battery system, but the internal battery exceeds my present requirements for local cycling.
VHF/UHF antenna: ducky on the FT-817 top BNC.
HF Antenna: SuperAntennas MP-2 mounted on tail, 45degree slant; 3/8-24 antenna mount is a modified (bent) Iron Horse stainless steel car trailer hitch mount, attached to the BikeE frame using 2 BikeE frame accessory mounts. A short piece of 1/2 inch copper braid bonds the mount ground to the BikeE frame. The MP-2 has the mobile stainless steel whip stinger on it, with a section of orange flagging tape tied to the tip of the stinger. The MP-2 up/down control is a small switchbox mounted under the BikeE seat on the pannier rack containing two 9V batteries in series. The frequency and band can be tuned for SWR while in motion.
The metal frame of BikeE (and the rider's body) is the antenna counterpoise. I find that on 20m~10m the antenna system is favorably directional toward the front of the BikeE, similar to the antenna effects common in automobile mobile setups.

I notice only a slight difference in the inertia of the steering with the FT-817 mounted on the handlebars. Not a problem at all. I'm

working on an adapter for a hands-free mic on the helmet and PTT on the handlebar.

73---Bonnie KQ6XA

288. HFpack, HF Bike Mobile, On-The-Air Schedules

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-02-20 04:56:31 UTC
From: xtalradio
Topic: 288 Message: 288

HFpack, the HF Portable Group, has on-the-air activity which is perfect for HF bicycle mobile and invites BMHA to utilize the HFpack calling frequencies.

HFpack always gives priority to pedestrian, bicycle, portable, and QRP operators. Bases and mobiles of any power level are also welcome to join the fun.
The primary calling frequency 18157.5kHz is active at all times of the day, 7 days /week. There is more daily activity presently for the 22:30Z group in North America. The Saturday schedule is global and usually has about 40 or more operators on the air worldwide at any given time. Sunday is also a big day for the HFpack. There are usually some base stations on the weekend who help keep the frequency clear for the lower powered stations.

HFpack Schedule
Daily
22:30Z = 18157.5kHz USB (CW= +700Hz)

Saturday
16:30Z = 18157.5kHz USB (CW= +700Hz)
17:00Z = 14342.5kHz USB (CW= +700Hz)
22:30Z = 18157.5kHz USB (CW= +700Hz)
23:00Z = 14342.5kHz USB (CW= +700Hz)

There are HFpack calling frequencies on every ham band.
If 18157.5 is busy, we QSY +/-5kHz to 18152.5 or 18162.5

For more information about HFpack and the HFpack frequencies:
http://www.hfpack.com

http://www.qsl.net/hfpack/images/hfpack_logoclock.gif

Bonnie KQ6XA

289. (no subject)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-02-24 03:03:24 UTC
From: jfelts202
Topic: 289 Message: 289

Hi, my name is Jerry Felts, call is NR5A and I just joined this group,and I'm in south Dakota. I need a fun way to get excercise and have always liked bike riding. Last April I had a 4-way bypass operation, and because of dibetics had 2 1/2 toes amputated on my right foot. I can walk for excercise but bike riding would be alot more fun. I'm active on the HF Pack group and have gone pederstrian moble a couple of times now.

I've been eyeing bikes in the stores now for a couple of months. Any type or anything I should look for on a bike? I'll be going after a mountain type bike I think. Probably one of the Wallyworld types since its all I can afford. In looking at some bikes in a few stores I couldn't believe how much you can spend on one. Please give me some guide lines on what to get in a cheap bike. hi hi

First off, I'm only interested in HF type of operating. I'm wondering what bands work the best from a bike, probably the higher bands. My rig is a FT - 817 and I have both a 4ah and 7ah 12 volt battery to power it from. What is the prefered antenna to use? Hamsticks? I've got a lil PW-1, and a 17m Hamstick, also got a Z-11 tuner, so I've pretty much got the gear. How does mounting something like a Hamstick on the back of a bike affect its riding?
I think trying to work WAS on a bike would be fun, has it been done? Think maybe I'll try.

Ok last question for this time,how do you guys do your logging while riding? I like to keep a log on everyone I work.

Thanks for you time guys, this is going to be fun!

Jerry - NR5A - South Dakota

290. RE: [BMHA] (unknown)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-02-25 17:54:54 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 290 Message: 290

To me, buying a cheap bike is alot like buying a used car. The less you pay, the more likely you are going to have problems.

I'd say, figure out what you want to do first. Are you going to be riding alot off road, or is it going to be all on road riding? I've found that cheap mountain bikes fall apart once serious off road riding is done. So, if you are thinking about doing some off road riding, a cheap bike might last long enough for you to figure out if you really want to get "serious".

Now, a mountain bike has some nice advantages over a road bike, even if it never goes off road. One, the sitting position is much nicer, and the handlebars seem to be better. I know they have some nice touring bikes [I think that is what they are called, you know, the ones that look like the old three speed bikes], which probably are really sweet for road riding. Two, the frame is heavier, can take some more weight, etc. Maybe top end road bikes can do that, but at low cost? I don't know. Third, if you have to hit the ditch, because of some fool driver (or there is no shoulder on the road), a mountain bike will keep on going when a road bike bogs down.

Now, those large tires will slow you down. They do make some good on-road mountain bike tires--is that an oxymoron?--but it will be a compromise thing. More air in the tires = worse ride (bumps hurt more!). But to tell you the truth, I'd go for the mountain bike anyhow.

Now, price. Spend more, and the bike gets lighter. Lightness is important. You will notice 10 pounds here on long rides. Also, the lighter the wheels are, the faster you can accelerate, and the less work it will feel like. Next up, brakes. Brakes are getting better all the time, but cheap bikes have cheap brakes. Lastly, and most important, shifters. Road riding will call you to shift alot. Sometimes I imagine myself to be a big rig truck--one that has to shift alot to get maximum performance. [New England has alot of hills.] Cheap shifters are grating to the nerves.

Don't knock the expensive bikes until you ride one. You might find that the extra cost is worth it! After all, if you had to drive alot (commute or travel), would you rather have an automatic car with air conditioning, cruise control, etc; or a really cheap one that maybe saved a few cents on gas?

Lastly, one of the greatest things I have on my bike is a 6 gallon milk crate mounted on one of those bike racks. I can just thow stuff in that box, and never carry a backpack. The weight is a bit high up, but can't beat it for biking to work.

Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
Product Development Engineer - Sensors
Allegro MicroSystems, Inc

Concord, NH
603.228.5533 ext. 429

-----Original Message-----
From: jfelts202 [mailto:jfelts202@...]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2002 10:03 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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291. RE: [BMHA] (unknown)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-02-25 17:59:14 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 290 Message: 291

Actually, bike season is coming up, isn't it? I recently acquired an excersise bike, with the hopes of getting ready for the new season. It is some older bike, with a fan for the resistance, and the handle bars move too, presumably to get a better workout. My problem is, it seems to bother my upper back the day after I get a few minutes in. I haven't been on it since. Has anyone else had a similar experience? Maybe I overdid it, need to warm up a bit before I do long times on it? I just want to get into good enough shape to start biking to work, which is a 6 mile or so ride, with several good sized hills.

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292. Re: choosing your weap..er.. bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-02-25 18:52:51 UTC
From: n1rwy
Topic: 290 Message: 292

While I agree 100% with what Shawn says, I think he left out one bike in particular that is growing in the ham community. Maybe it is the fact that you sit naturally, or that you are not straining your neck to look forward.. However, a recumbent bike might be something worth looking at.

Sure, they are a bit more $ than the standard WallMart bike, but Shawn did a great job explaining that issue of 'you-get-what-you-pay-for', so I will not re-hash it.

One thing that Bonnie, Pres and others have realized is that a small wheel base recumbent is not *all* that expensive. You can get a decent entry class bike for 5-$700. Plenty of room for radios, you get stopped and asked plenty of questions (and possibly increase the ham population) and above all they are comfortable!

I know that there are some upright and Mtn bike riders here, and I do not wish to offend them or turn this in to a "which bike is best" flame war. I just know that I cannot finish my 15 mile work loop on an upright bike without pain. Back, butt and wrists just screaming at me to stop.

On the recumbent, not only can I finish it, but I can ride the loop again before I start to feel any discomfort.

I urge you to look around at several different bike shops, (recumbent and non recumbent alike) before you make a decision on what bike you want to ride. Go for demo rides, sit on the seats, and kick the tires. Heck! You might end up on a trike!

In closing: If you are not comfortable, you are not going to enjoy the experience. The bike will end up in the garage or the basement as an good idean gone bad. So take you time and do some research on what you want to do. Trust me, bike mobile operation is ALL about the experience of doing it 'your way'.

- Jay N1RWY /HPM

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Anyone want in on a Wash. D.C -> Maine bike trip this summer?

--- In BMHA@y..., "Upton, Shawn" <SUpton@A...> wrote:
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> you pay, the more likely you are going to have problems.

293. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 107

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-02-26 14:38:46 UTC
From: N5BDR
Topic: 293 Message: 293

A motor-cycle has those same advantanges over a school-bus, too, but the advantages of the school-bus "far outweighs" those of the motor-cycle in many situations...

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294. Re: RAGBRAI Route for 2002

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-08 03:06:44 UTC
From: pathpp
Topic: 286 Message: 294

--- In BMHA@y..., "nf0n" <nf0n@a...> wrote:
> Here is the overnight town route for 2002 RAGBRAI (Registers Annual
> Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa).
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> Dates: July 21-27
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> If anyone is interested in riding with the "Megacycles Team" please
> contact me and I can arrange. Openings are limited as always.
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> For more details, look at http://www.ragbrai.org
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> RAGBRAI is the largest organized ride and this will be the 30th
year.
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> Also, Iowa is not flat.
>
> 73-Mike, NF0N

Looking forward to it this year, Mike. My wife N0TRK and I were
married on RAGBRAI in Emmetsburg in 1993 and we will be celebrating
our 9th anniversary.
Pat N0HPP

295. Re: Intra-aural mics (Eartalk, Earmic)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-08 03:43:02 UTC
From: pathpp
Topic: 281 Message: 295

--- In BMHA@y..., "gcziko" <g-cziko@u...> wrote:
> I am interested operating my handheld transceiver while riding
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> using an intra-aural mic or knows where to get one to fit my
> Kenwood TH-F6A.
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> --Gary N9MJZ

Gary,
I have had a great deal of luck with a boom mike/clip on headset that clips behind your ear instead of using a headset that has a support that runs over your head and under your helmet. It's made by Pryme and I'll include the website link below. It has no problem at all with road or wind noise. I can mount the in-line PTT switch on the handlebars and it leaves me enough wire to run to the radio and my ear. I use a Kenwood th-d7 handheld (the headset that works with the D7A also works with the F6A) attached to a water bottle cage that I have zip-tied to the area out in front of the handlebars.

http://www.prymebattery.com/audio/boommic.asp

73, Pat N0HPP

296. New keyer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-09 17:21:17 UTC
From: af8x_qrp
Topic: 296 Message: 296

Palm Radio has announced a new product called the Code Cube. A really tiny full featured keyer that's just made for portable operation. I'm looking forward to using it on my bike and with my QRPp rigs.
http://www.palm-radio.de/
Dick AF8X

297. Looking for handlebar mount for GPSIII

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-18 23:47:45 UTC
From: rickgarrett47302
Topic: 297 Message: 297

Hi, all, I'm looking for a bicycle handlebar mount for a Garmin GPSIII. Apparently Garmin doesn't carry them anymore.
Does anyone have one they'd be willing to sell, or can you recommend a substitute?

Thanks,
Rick N9GSU

298. Looking for handlebar mount for GPSIII

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-18 23:52:21 UTC
From: rickgarrett47302
Topic: 297 Message: 298

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Rick N9GSU

299. Re: [BMHA] Looking for handlebar mount for GPSIII

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-20 05:45:26 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 297 Message: 299

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has terrific mounts for bicycles and so much more

Thanks

Pres Waterman, W2PW
c/o 112 Motors, LLC
Long Island Ford, Kia and Used Dealer

GO BILLS!

300. Many thanks! Handlebar mount for GPSIII

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-20 12:51:30 UTC
From: Rick D Garrett
Topic: 300 Message: 300

Many, many thanks for all the responses! Look for me bicycle APRS mobile when I get my mount, and this weather clears up!

Again, thanks for all the help!

Rick N9GSU

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

301. Mounting HT to your bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-20 22:23:50 UTC
From: Rick D Garrett
Topic: 301 Message: 301

Hi, all, sorry for posting so much the last couple of days. :)

What are the various options for mounting an HT on your bike? I need something that will allow me to move the HT easily, as I often use it when doing Skywarn activities, and I do only road and Greenway riding, so off road riding isn't a consideration.

Any help is appreciated! And, I got my mount ordered for my GPS today. Again, thanks for the help!

Rick N9GSU

302. Re: Mounting HT to your bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-20 23:25:17 UTC
From: k6lcs
Topic: 301 Message: 302

--- In BMHA@y..., Rick D Garrett <Rick.Garrett@c...> wrote:

Rick - Look in the FILES section here! My meager setup is in the K6LCS folder. I use a RAM Mount (sturdier than the Garmin), and a Larsen NMO mount no-ground-plane-required dual-band antenna.

There are other setups in the FILES here, too!!!

Clint

303. RE: [BMHA] Mounting HT to your bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-21 00:20:51 UTC
From: Farrell, Scott PO
Topic: 301 Message: 303

Hi,

> Hi, all, sorry for posting so much the last couple of days. :)

No worries here. That's what the list is for. :)

> What are the various options for mounting an HT on your bike? I need
> something that will allow me to move the HT easily...

My current method is the use the mounting pieces from an old Cateye headlight, the $15 lights. I made a little pedestal out of plastic and glued it to the piece that was formerly attached to the headlight. The other piece, as before, is mounted to the handlebars. The HT is secured to the pedestal with Velcro. The whole assembly slides into the mount, just like it did when it was a headlight. Pictures can be found in my folder... KE4WMF.

This setup maintains the quick release feature and is very durable. I'm a very rugged rider. My full-blown ham station has been through large rock gardens and even seen a few good crashes. Nothing has broken. I love it!

Take Care,

Scott Farrell, KE4WMF
BMHA Newsletter Editor
BMHA Discussion List Owner/Moderator
http://www.StealthTDI.com/HamRadio.html

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

304. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mounting HT to your bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-21 10:23:32 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 301 Message: 304

I simply hose-clamped a piece of belt across my stem with a hose clamp on either side of my handlebars, and use a toe-clip strap to snug the radio down tight to the stem itself.

On Wed, 20 Mar 2002, k6lcs wrote:

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305. Re: [BMHA] Mounting HT to your bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-21 13:18:35 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 301 Message: 305

See comments below.....

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
ramirault@... "Go Fly A Kite"
http:// www.erols.com/ramirault
----- Original Message -----
From: "Rick D Garrett" <Rick.Garrett@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Mounting HT to your bike

> Hi, all, sorry for posting so much the last couple of days. :)
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No problem .. nice to see some action on this list!

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> something that will allow me to move the HT easily, as I often use it
when
> doing Skywarn activities, and I do only road and Greenway riding, so off
> road riding isn't a consideration.
>
The option that I use is to mount the HT on my belt, not the bike. While I
would mount a GPS on the bike I would not mount my HT on the bike. Too
much vibration. Eventually something will break. GPS's are built more
robust than HT's.

I know other folks *have* mounted HT's on the handlebars without any
problems (everyone rides on different surfaces, at different speeds) but I
won't do that.

306. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mounting HT to your bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-21 13:21:27 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 301 Message: 306

FYI, not everyone can access the "files" on Yahoo. If you don't accept
cookies you can't log-in. If you can't log-in you can't view the files.

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From: "k6lcs" <clintbrad4d@...>
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307. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mounting HT to your bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-21 13:58:35 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 301 Message: 307

The solution to this is to take a old computer and set it up as a Mail and News reader only. A barebones software machine so to speak. This way you can have the cookies turned on and it does not affect your other main machine. Network the two machines and transfer stuff as needed.

S. Earl Jarosh, KA0VYB
612-868-1313
Money Centers of America
Director of Information Technology
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earljarosh@...
www.moneycenters.com

----- Original Message -----
From: "Richard Amirault" <ramirault@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2002 7:21 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Mounting HT to your bike

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308. Re: [BMHA] Looking for handlebar mount for GPSIII

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-21 17:33:57 UTC
From: Tim Eaton
Topic: 297 Message: 308

If you do want to go with the Garmin one, it's $21.00 at Bronco One Electronics in Phoenix. Says he is one of the largest Garmin dealers in the country and does much of their Beta testing. Anyway I saw it last night and it quick dismounts easily. Keep in mind it's not Industrial strenth like the Ram, so if your doing serious mountain biking (or acrobatics hi hi) I'd stay with the Ram. I'll prob go with the Garmin and a quick, homemade velcro tether, all of which will remove quickly. If you want the Garmin model just tell Allen at Bronco one, "Tim from the Sheriff's Posse" sent ya and hopefully he will stick one in the mail for a small shipping charge. 602-992-2016 is his phone. If all that doesn't work out, and you still want the Garmin, reply to me, I'll stop by and stick it in the mail for ya. Tim (TEatonaz@... - if that rejects it's just cause the mailbox is full, try back in a day or two.)
Pres Waterman <presw@...> wrote:

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309. aux power

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-27 15:15:26 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 309 Message: 309

Has anyone played around with solar or wind power to keep the batteries hot while riding? I only run vhf/uhf from the bike and I am trying to think of ways to keep the spares charged on long rides or all day club events.

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310. Re: [BMHA] aux power

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-27 17:55:54 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 309 Message: 310

For my lights, I use my dynohub with a bridge rectifier. You can use an IC chip (I forget the number but can get it for you if you like) that can convert the

311. Re: [BMHA] aux power

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-27 18:00:13 UTC
From: Bill Vodall - WA7NWP
Topic: 309 Message: 311

At 07:15 AM 3/27/02 -0800, Jim Hall wrote:
>Has anyone played around with solar or wind power to
>keep the batteries hot while riding?

I used a 12", 5 W panel bungi corded over the back paniers to charge
a 12v 2.5 AH gel cell while on a month long tour. There were two of
us. Each bike had a similar setup with a HT in the handlebar bag running
off the gel cell. We'd take turns carrying the panel to charge up the battery.
Worked great.

With the bungi cord setup, it was possible to put the panel on the the side of the
bike getting the most sun.

73,
Bill - WA7NWP

312. Re: [BMHA] aux power

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-27 18:01:26 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 309 Message: 312

Be aware that running an HT off a 12 volt battery can be harmful to the battery.

Most HT's will run just fine on something like 7.2 volts. If you drain a 12v battery down to 7.2 volts you have seriously shortened the life of the battery. A 12v battery should not be drained much below 11 volts (some say 10.5 is the minimum) Many HT's will continue to operate well below that point. If you are operating under a *real* emergency, with no other source of power ... that is one thing .. but for "normal" use you must monitor the battery voltage somehow in order not to damage the battery.

Some HT's have a 12 battery pack as an available accessory. Those that do must somehow be able to sense the battery pack voltage and know when to stop working so as not to overdrain the pack. I'm not sure if this protection is available for 12 volts applied through the external power jack.

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Gene Floyd" <gfloyd7@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 12:55 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] aux power

For my lights, I use my dynohub with a bridge rectifier. You can use an IC chip (I forget the number but can get it for you if you like) that can convert the 6V DC to 12V DC with a very high degree of efficiency. Other than that, I've never had a problem with battery life running my HT off a 12V 7 amp/he gel-cell.

On Wed, 27 Mar 2002, Jim Hall wrote:

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> to keep the spares charged on long rides or all day
> club events.

313. Need help: Touch sensor keyer on bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-28 11:26:08 UTC
From: dl3naa
Topic: 313 Message: 313

Hi!

Has anybody experience with sensor morse keyer on bicycle? I recently build the kit from Kent Electronics and it works very fine but when installing it on my bike for use during riding I have problems because of the capacity of the handlebars. I can easily use it holding in my hand (while resting :-)) but it sends permanent when putting the keyer wires parallel to the metal of the handlebars.
Any idea how to solve this problem?

73 from Kehl (5km east from Strasbourg at DL/F-border) and a happy easter-holiday to all!

Peter DL3NAA

314. Re: aux power

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-28 16:58:15 UTC
From: wb4ofm
Topic: 309 Message: 314

Thanks for the input guys. I guess what I'm looking for is some overkill. In our local ARES group, we use our bikes a lot so I am just looking for a way to not have to stop as often to charge batteries. What I am thinking now is to get good high rated cells and build up a water bottle pack that will run a few days with lots of use before needing a recharge. I will probably stick with 7.2v; I know the radio "works" at 12v, but it sure does get hot.. I also ride in some of the charity rides that local hams do the comms work in. Those are usually 2 day events also so I like the overkill on the batteries.
Jim wb4ofm

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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Gene Floyd" <gfloyd7@t...>
> To: <BMHA@y...>
> Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 12:55 PM
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316. Re: [BMHA] Re: aux power

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-03-30 17:52:37 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 309 Message: 316

The reason HT's get "hot" when running on 12v is not that they are running on 12v, it's that they are running "high power" (5 watts) HT's have no finned heat sink to dissipate the heat that is generated so the case gets hot. If you run an HT on low to medium power while connected to 12v it will not get hot. If you *need* the extra power to get through *then* you can switch to high power.

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MA, USA
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Subject: [BMHA] Re: aux power

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> batteries.
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317. Re: Mounting HT to your bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-04-02 22:00:02 UTC
From: n1rwy
Topic: 301 Message: 317

A popular mount up here in the willy wags of Maine is the Garmin
handlebar mount for the GPS12. Cost was something like $18 which
includes a mounting ring for the handlebars as well as a mount that
attaches to the back fo the gps or the ht.
It handled over 1000 miles last summer without a failure.

- Jay N1RWY

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> either side of my handlebars, and use a toe-clip strap to snug the radio
> down tight to the stem itself.
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318. cross post of a closeout antenna deal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-04-05 21:04:37 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 318 Message: 318

BTW, if anyone is interested, Radio Shack is closing out the crazy "X"
shaped base scanner antenna for $10. It's called the "5-band omnidirectional
scanner antenna" 290-042 and 290-044 (the latter includes 50 feet of coax
and a gold F-->BNC adapter for the same price!)

Call around.

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
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319. Reminder - MS150 Houston to Austin, Texas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-04-06 05:02:31 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 319 Message: 319

We would like to remind you of this upcoming event.

MS150 Houston to Austin, Texas

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2002
Time: All Day

This is a two-day, 180 mile ride

To register: www.ms150.org

To volunteer for ham radio support: kf5nd@...

320. WANTED: MIZUHO RADIOS WITH SSB XTALS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-04-07 09:46:55 UTC
From: hammeradio
Topic: 320 Message: 320

MX-14S, MX-21S, MX-18S

321. Added file about my bicycle-station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-04-08 18:37:02 UTC
From: dl3naa
Topic: 321 Message: 321

If interested look at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/DL3NAA/

73!

Peter DL3NAA (dl3naa@...)

322. Added some pictures

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-04-09 13:54:27 UTC
From: wb4ofm
Topic: 322 Message: 322

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323. BMHA mentioned in May CQ K4TWJ Column

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-04-26 19:29:31 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 323 Message: 323

Dave, K4TWJ has a very nice article in the May CQ and mentions BMHA in his article. Dave is a strong supporter of BMHA and it's nice to see the mention of BMHA, information address and the web site.
Thanks Dave.

325. Tool Tray for BikeE

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-01 11:24:51 UTC
From: af8x_qrp
Topic: 325 Message: 325

I have had questions about the tool tray on my BikeE from people who have seen my web site. http://mywebpages.comcast.net/af8x/index.htm
This is the Tool-E web page.
http://hometown.aol.com/whytoole/WHYTOOLE.html
This is a handy tool storage or battery compartment.
73, Dick AF8X

326. Trike riders?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-03 18:31:46 UTC
From: N1EU
Topic: 326 Message: 326

If there are any recumbent trike riders out there, could you please drop me an email? I'm shopping for a trike and would like to ask you about your experience cycling/hamming.

Tnx/73,
Barry N1EU

327. Dayton or Bust! QRP Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-07 03:56:04 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 327 Message: 327

Well we had so much fun last year that we just HAVE to do it again!

Russel KB8U, Ken VE3ELA, and John VE3JC are again planning to bicycle from London,Ontario to Dayton, and will be operating QRP Bicycle Mobile along the way!

We're hoping the trip will be as much fun as last year, but with MORE band activity and LESS rain! We will be using much the same equipment as last year (see http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/to_fdim.htm or last July's QRP Quarterly).

Listen for us on the usual QRP CW frequencies, beginning Saturday morning (May 11), especially during daylight hours. If the weather cooperates and our muscles aren't too sore, we hope to do some evening campsite operating as well. We also expect to be passing near Campbell Hill, the highest point in Ohio, on Tuesday afternoon, so we may try a bike mobile "top of the world" Adventure Radio Society conquest.

Looking forward to seeing some familiar faces at Dayton.

By the way, for those worked us last year, I'm to blame for not getting QSL's out. I've now printed commemorative QSL's, which Ken and Russel can help me fill out at a campsite picnic table. So if you work us this year, I'll make sure you get a matched set!

72, John VE3JC

328. Re: [BMHA] Dayton or Bust! QRP Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-07 14:19:54 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 327 Message: 328

Hi John, I sure envy you guy's again. I'd love to do it too. Pedal safely and will see you again at the ride and forum.

Since Russ is one of the forum speakers, I hope he will show or talk about the ride this year. If you want to show your bikes at the forum again, feel free to do so.

Good luck and hope the weather is good for you this year.

73-Mike, NF0N

--- VE3JC - John C <jbcumming@...> wrote:
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329. Request for ham operators, 2003 MS150 ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-07 13:53:02 UTC
From: KF5ND
Topic: 329 Message: 329

2003 MS150 Houston to Austin (Texas) Bike tour

April 12th and 13th, 2003

Sign up now. One hundred operators needed for both one day and two day positions 4:30 a.m. Saturday to 11 p.m. Sunday Food and sleeping accommodations provided Houston Command post needing 20 operators for Friday noon to Sunday midnight operation Operations include VHF, UHF, HF and APRS.

Call for info or to sign up.

Mike Hardwick
Lockard & White
281-586-0574 ext. 253
281-586-0044/fax

330. 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-07 13:14:18 UTC
From: KF5ND
Topic: 330 Message: 330

Hello all,

Here in the wide open spaces of Texas, we often need 25 watts of xmit power and a gain antenna on 2 m FM in order to support the various long-distance bike rides, like Houston-Austin MS150.

I'd like to be a bike-mobile ham operator on these rides and actually have enough RF power to participate seriously, but I can't for the life of me figure out how to get enough 7 - 10 amp-hours of deep cycle battery on my bike at reasonable weight and cost. "D" sized NiMH cells cost $12 each, so a pack of 8 will be $100 !

I did recently tried to use a 3.4 amp-hour gel cell for this application, but the deep-cycle, high current drain killed it, it's dead now.

Has anyone surmounted the 25 watt barrier yet ?

73,
Pete KF5ND

331. Re: [BMHA] 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-07 15:57:14 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 330 Message: 331

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332. RE: [BMHA] 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-07 16:15:56 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 330 Message: 332

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If I recall, Texas is a bit flat, so height shouldn't be much of concern, should it? Maybe elevating the antenna as high as you can on the bike, would help.

What would NiCAD D cells cost for the application? Less life, but maybe cheaper? Or, what about buying NiMH like you said, but get the AA versions--make your own pack of 4 parallel 10 series strings. My guess is that would still be 80 dollars, but I don't think you can get 8-10 amp capability elsewise, without the weight of a heavy lead acid. Besides, NiCAD/NiMH will work better in a high current application anyhow. And, if you try the AA version, and it doesn't work, well, you can always sell those batteries cheap enough to other hams.

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334. RE: [BMHA] 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-07 16:15:13 UTC
From: Tom Cronin
Topic: 330 Message: 334

There's what appears to be a nice Hawker 13AH 12V battery at the top of this
page, for the princely
sum of $15.95. (Someone on the bike power assist list pointed these out)

http://www.sciplus.com/category.cfm?subsection=13

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

335. RE: [BMHA] 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-07 17:09:04 UTC
From: Upton, Shawn
Topic: 330 Message: 335

Maybe instead of using copper pipe, you could try a twin-lead version. Afterall, there is the copper pipe J-pole, and the 300 ohm twin lead J-pole. Same idea, should be similar in performance.

I bring this up, as a suggestion--I'm not sure on the height of a super J, other than to guess that it would be on the order of 8 feet. Anyhow, one could use 3 or 4 sections of pvc, 1/2 diam or so, and use some of hte pvc couplers, without glue. Then you could twise the sections together, and it would hold fairly well.

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336. RE: [BMHA] 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

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Date: 2002-05-07 17:45:57 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 330 Message: 336

I've only used J-poles attached to safety flags on my bike, so didn't notice any difference in balance. As for mounting, I hose-clamped a piece of belt to th handlebars and across the stem and hung it by the belt loop with a thick piece of foam behind it and a toeclip strap to secure it.

For more ideas on collinears, check out http://www.tfn.net/~gfloyd7/antenna/ - you could turn the tuning stub at the bottom of that at a 90-degree angle and mount it to a flagpole for a height of roughly 6-7 ft.

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From: S. Earl Jarosh
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Pete,

Maybe a combination of things like the battery, solarcell, and this device http://www.onjapan.net/2001/hamfair/ja3ckf.html . Yes I am being a little flip but it would work to keep the charge up on the battery.

If you want ready made on the antenna, Maldol/Comet makes a NMO groundplane base for mounting their collinear car antennas on towers and roofs. This combination could be mounted on a wood dowel or metal pole and clamped to the bike so that it was above your head. Another choice would be one of the marine antennas like the maxrad MMA-1443 129" tall no ground plane as it is designed for fiberglass or wood boats.

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340. Re: [BMHA] 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-08 14:25:55 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 330 Message: 340

here is the jurasic duck web page

http://www.qsl.net/wx2nj/

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Do You Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Health - your guide to health and wellness
http://health.yahoo.com

341. Re: [BMHA] 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-08 14:23:28 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 330 Message: 341

Hi Pete,
I was reading some of the responses you got regarding antennas. There is a J pole design in cpvc that works well called the jurasic duck designed by wx2nj I believe it was. There use to be a website for it but I can't find it now. I used it on our local Tour de Cure for the diabetes assoc. here through the hills of tn and it worked well. Also, its only 57" tall. Its shorter than normal because the pvc capacitance causes you to have to shorten it some. I will keep looking for that website.
Also, is there a website regarding the 2003 ms150 down there and is a pretty flat ride? That might be something I would like to ride in.
Jim
wb4ofm

Do You Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Health - your guide to health and wellness
http://health.yahoo.com

342. BMHA Hamvention Forum May 19

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-09 19:26:54 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 342 Message: 342

Just a reminder for those attending the Dayton Hamvention. The BMHA forum is in Room #2 at 8:00 am on Sunday May 19th. A free complimentary copy of the first Issue, Vol. No. 1 BMHA newsletter will be available for each attendee. We have a nice lineup of speakers and welcome anyone who has an interest in bicycling and Ham Radio.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the forum.

Mike, NF0N, BMHA Forum Moderator

343. working an airmobile from my bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-10 16:57:30 UTC
From: g3zhi
Topic: 343 Message: 343

i cycle every day while talking to stations all over the world on our local repeater gb3dv which is linked to the internet 24x7

one the best qso's recently was with a ham friend who is also a pilot and he was flying his plane over chicago and his ham passenger operating air mobile was talking to me on my handheld in maltby riding my bike

73 ian

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi - has many ham radio links

United Kingdom Internet Radio Linking Project

I usually monitor GB3DV node 513 or G4NJI node 520

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344. Re: [BMHA] 25 watt xmtr from bike possible ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-13 03:14:18 UTC
From: Brian Vanderheyden
Topic: 330 Message: 344

Nice antenna, Jim! I have used a 300 ohm twin lead J-Pole on my bike mobiles in the past. I would use O-rings to attach the twin lead to a fiberglass bike flag rod. Your design is great since it encloses the connections. I used silicon sealant to seal mine. Having a threaded fitting is good for quick disconnects.

Brian
KB0PRY

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Do You Yahoo!?
LAUNCH - Your Yahoo! Music Experience
http://launch.yahoo.com

345. All MFJ products and Ameritron amps manuals - free downloads!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-13 01:04:17 UTC
From: l566cx
Topic: 345 Message: 345

Here is a link I found to download free manuals for every MFJ &
Ameritron product listed of which currently there are over 200
product mnauals total available and more coming.

All Ameritron amps are listed with available free manuals
There are separate links for MFJ and Ameritron at this URL.

http://www.ab7sl.com/index.html?row1col2=links.html

-Herb Waller

346. KQ6XA at Dayton BMHA Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-15 21:19:01 UTC
From: xtalradio
Topic: 346 Message: 346

I just emailed with Mike NF0N who is graciously trying to accommodate me to speak for a couple of minutes at the BMHA Forum on Sunday morning. I will talk about the rapidly expanding number of active HF bicycle mobile operators, how it is related to the present growth and future of the HFpack movement.
There will be a large number of HFpack members at the BMHA forum, as well as before and afterwards in the hallway.
The HFpack frequency for Dayton is 28327.5kHz USB.
There will be a special Dayton HFpack Pedestrian Mobile Net on Saturday at 3PM. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Bonnie KQ6XA

347. mobile keyer paddles ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-16 15:47:54 UTC
From: KF5ND
Topic: 347 Message: 347

what are the best options out there for small, light mobile (iambic)
keyer paddles ?

348. Re: mobile keyer paddles ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-17 18:43:59 UTC
From: dl3naa
Topic: 347 Message: 348

Hi!

I have made very good experiences with the kent touch keyer. It come in a small kit. If you dont have any moveable parts there is also no problem to loose anything or to have problems with springs on bad roads. You can find a picture on

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/DL3NAA/Station.jpg

73!

Peter DL3NAA

349. Re: mobile keyer paddles ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-20 11:29:33 UTC
From: af8x_qrp
Topic: 347 Message: 349

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SMALL? You want small?
http://www.palm-radio.de/
73, Dick

350. Re: [BMHA] Re: mobile keyer paddles ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-20 12:41:11 UTC
From: VE3JC - John C
Topic: 347 Message: 350

I've been using the Palm Paddles on the bike for a year now - absolutely delightful to use. I don't have any pictures yet, but basically built an extension to the handlebar-mounted rig platform, and mounted the palm paddle clip-on base to this extension. The Palm paddle can then easily be snapped on or off as required, and of course retracts into its shell like a turtle when not needed.

And at Dayton last week, our German Palm Paddle friends introduced a small cube keyer that fits on the back of the Palm paddle, if your rig does not have an internal keyer. (A bit pricey, but awfully cute!)

The Palm really has an excellent feel, on the bike or in the shack.

By the way, three days of continuous rain ruined our bicycle ride to Dayton this year (we gave up in Findlay Ohio, about 200 miles into our trip). Coincidentally, the sun came out as soon as we packed it in!

73, John VE3JC

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351. Tried it for the first time today

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-05-25 21:02:09 UTC
From: jtwoodstock
Topic: 351 Message: 351

Last year I took up cycing again after quite a number of years. Put in 1000 miles and am at the 240 mile mark so far this year. My local bike club is having a "Bike Boat Bike" ride next weekend and they are looking for Hams.. Since I was going to be riding, I thought I would try Bicycle Mobile today. It was great.

I wore an old HT I have on the belt of my fanny pack and I clipped the small microphone to my shirt..

Wind noise in the mike was pretty bad while I was cycling.. I am also concerned about battery life.. The ride will be 4-6 hours.. (I'm hoping it is closer to 4 <grin>..

I could use some advice on two things:

1) What is the best microphone/(earphone/headphone)?
2) What HT has a good blend of Reliability, Power and Battery Life? (I need a 2M/440 rig)

I am not planning to mount an antenna to the bike at this point, I am planning to stay with the whip on the HT.

352. Recynbent riders in NC/SC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-15 06:20:23 UTC
From: w4fbi
Topic: 352 Message: 352

is there a group ride or meeting of recumbents in Myrtle beach, SC.
Hugh W4FBI

353. Charlotte, NC (Recumbent)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-13 04:38:29 UTC
From: w4fbi
Topic: 353 Message: 353

Hello, My name is Hugh W4FBI and I am in the Charlotte area, I am looking to get a Recumbent Bicycle to ride, and would like to do a VHF/UHF antenna set up on it. But first I need to find a bicycle. I know nothing about the Recumbent line. its be 20 + riding a bike. My wife took her test in Lincolnton on june the 8th and wile wating on her to test I wet out side and as luck would have it, there was a bike shop there. called Ride-A-Bike bicycle shop. and they had recumbent bikes, and they sell bikeE brand. I was looking at the model ct and just found out on line they make a ct/xl. which i did not find out at the bike shop. the guy wayne new nothing about the recumbents, he was the BMX guy. and the owner Chafin was out on a group ride that saturday. so got no info on the bikes. did get in touch with chafin though this week and I am going back to Lincolnton to look and find out more on these bikes. I need to find out from others about the recumbents for I am sure Mr. chafin will tell me that the bikeE line is the only bike to get, for that is the only line he sales. I am 250lbs so need a sturdy bike. So if you could give any in put or if you know of any groups with Recumbent bikes that meet, I would like to go to one of the meets and look at some of the recumbent's they ride. and ask more about the bikes. again thanks for any help. (ps the wife passed her test :)) Hugh listed on www.QRZ.com for more info.

354. Recumbent bikes

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-15 06:17:36 UTC
From: w4fbi
Topic: 354 Message: 354

any one in the Charlotte nc area riding a Recumbent that could give me some info on them. am looking at getting one. Hugh W4FBI

355. Recumbent bikes

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-14 06:11:11 UTC
From: w4fbi
Topic: 354 Message: 355

I live in the Charlotte nc area and am looking to get some info on Recumbent bicycle's. I not nothing about them but would like to learn about them. I see lots of add's on line for bikeE brand! but would like to know if any one on line her is riding a recumbent and what they like or dont like about ther brand and what would they do over if they could ETC: would like to know a good way to mount a 2/440 vhf antenna on it ETC; Thanks for any help Hugh w4fbi@...

356. Field Day HFpack Freq Clock Experiment (JUN22/23)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-15 20:27:31 UTC
From: xtalradio
Topic: 356 Message: 356

Field Day HFpack Freq Clock Experiment:
1600z~1800z Saturday 22 June,
2100z~2300z Sunday 23 June.

Operate using the HFpack Freq Clock
for 2 hours before Field Day starts
and again for 2 hours after Field Day ends.

Open to all operators, not necessary to participate in the ARRL Field Day event.

HFpack Frequency Clock:
Minutes Past the Hour/ Freq(kHz) / Mode
=:00 / 14342.5 / USB or CW
=:10 / 3997.5 or 3687.5 / LSB or CW
=:20 / 28327.5 / USB or CW
=:30 / 18157.5 / USB or CW
=:40 / 7242.5 or 7087.5 / LSB or CW
=:50 / 10137.5 / PSK31 or CW

A graphic image of the HFpack Freq Clock is available for your easy reference and convenience while riding.
Click here:
http://www.qsl.net/hfpack/image/hfpack_logoclock.gif

The objective is to get a large number of Bicycle Mobile and Pedestrian Mobile operators on the air for this experiment. One of the motives is to show enough interest to justify adding 2 new Classes (categories) to Field Day: Human Powered Mobile and Pedestrian Mobile. Your reports and comments on BMHA or HFpack egroups after the experiment are appreciated. Please print this message for use on Field Day.

Bonnie KQ6XA

357. Recumbent bikes

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-16 09:30:31 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 354 Message: 357

> I live in the Charlotte nc area and am looking to get some info on
> Recumbent bicycle's. I not nothing about them but would like to learn
> about them. I see lots of add's on line for bikeE brand! but would
> like to know if any one on line her is riding a recumbent and what
> they like or dont like about ther brand and what would they do over
> if they could ETC: would like to know a good way to mount a 2/440
> vhf antenna on it ETC; Thanks for any help Hugh w4fbi@...
>

I have a BikeE CT and am disappointed in its lack of strength. I am 6'2", 215lbs. The "short" frame model IS sufficient in length, but I have 3 issues with the bike so far.

1 I usually have some weight (about 10 lbs.) in the front: a 7AH gel-cell and an FT-817 radio mounted just behind the steering column. One day I did not have them present and the lack of extra weight in the front caused me to overpower the bike, I did a wheelie and flipped the front up in the air, then I fell over to the right. The ensuing flop on the ground (not much more than a slightly bruised elbow to me) caused the right-side pedal crank to be bent. $50 for the complete set.

2 The kickstand is flimsy and bends under normal use. I think a double-prong motorcycle stand would be better.

3 After having the unit in for the seat recall I noticed the seat felt distinctly twisted. Upon further inspection the entire tube-frame that the seat slides on, was bent to the left. Unscientifically, I yanked the seat back into straight, but not perfect, alignment. It appears that maybe the bike was tipped when in the shop and the sudden stop on the seat bent the frame.

Now, you may observe that 1, and POSSIBLY 2 of the 3 problems I mention were due to trauma. True enough. But I have a 17-year old Schwinn conventional bike with nary a bent piece on it after ordinary wear and tear, and I am sure in those many years there was a crash or tip here and there. And its kickstand and frame and pedal crank are as straight as new. (And I have never done a wheelie-flip on the Schwinn, but the rider's weight is not all in the back like on the recumbent.) I believe the aluminum used all over in the BikeE is made/designed/whatever much too weak. I now consider the BikeE CT to be curiosity but not a "real" bike. And I am hardly a serious rider. Occasional short trips. I would give serious pause to taking the BikeE on a long trip without support.

Happy Father's Day, Dads and sons and daughters!

Thanks

Pres Waterman, W2PW
c/o Patchogue 112 Ford//Kia 112
Long Island Ford and Kia Dealer

GO BILLS!

358. RE: [BMHA] Recumbent bikes

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-16 20:44:03 UTC
From: Tom Cronin
Topic: 354 Message: 358

I've also a BikeE CT - the XL version (from 1997). I'm about 6'3", 215lbs as well. While the length of the standard version may be sufficient for the seat-pedal distance, having the XL version keeps the weight on the bike more centered & puts a bit more weight on the front wheel. Under hard acceleration uphill, I can make the front wheel come off the ground, but only just. I've never pulled a wheelie like Pres described. The kickstands can be a little loose - this has been a common problem as described on some of the BikeE lists. Most people just squirt a little locktite into where the kickstand bolts on. I just really cranked down on the bolt & haven't had problems since. As for sturdyness, I've at least a couple of thousand miles on the bike, as well as one accident that put me into a leg brace for a couple of months, and the bike is still going strong. The only thing that hasn't gone well was the original Primo V-Monster tires - the sidewalls failed twice. I went to a Comet up front & a Hookworm tire in the rear & have been happy with them.

The bikes have a rectangular frame with a lip on the top - BikeE sells generic clamp mounts for attaching things to the frame. I used one for attaching a dual-band mobile antenna to the rear of the bike, with the antenna cable routed to the handlebars for a VX-5R. I've also adapted one of the clamp-style cell-phone holders to one of these mounts, and used it to attach a GPS to the frame between the handlebars and the seat.

- Tom Cronin

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

360. Thanks!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-18 04:31:22 UTC
From: w4fbi
Topic: 360 Message: 360

Thanks for the in put on the bikeE Bicycle's. the only dealer I can find at all for any kind of Recumbetn bikes is www.rideabike.com and they are in Lincolnton. I still have not got to talk to any one yet about them for the owner chafin was out on a ride. I drove all the way up there and the guy on duty was a kid and he worked on ther BMX kid bikes. new nothing about the Recumbetn. there was about 7 Recujbents on the wall and he could not tell me what model was what or give me a price range. So dont know how this dealer is. I know that he will try to tell me that bikeE is the best that is why he sells it. I have fell for that line two meany times. I am now lots older (54) and dont fall for that any more. looks like its going to be next spring before I can get one. so I am going to do some looking. I need to learn were there are meets and groups that meet to ride ETC: This way I can see there bikes and what they like ro dont like and were there dealer is. So if any one knoes of meeting places please let me know. I Though for sure Myrtle Beach would be a great place or down around the beach ETC: great places to ride. but cant fine no dealers, and for that I cant find no one in that area. So if you could help me with were they are holding meetings / Rides / state meets, I will go to these and look at all the kinds and talk to people and learn what is best for me. I have cancer and the doctor says I need one to ride and I should live much longer by riding at lease 5 miles every other day. I cant ride a reg bike, it has to be a Recumbent for the wide seat. if it was not for the seating I could ride a reg bike. But again Thanks for you in put and all your help .

As of right now the only other bike I know of (which I posted as the R40) well it was not that , its the XL-Velocity from www.rans.com which I saw on line that a ham was riding and doing around 2,000 miles a year on rides. for get his call. his wife has the bikeE CT and she rides only 3 times a week around 5 miles a trip max 10 miles. My self I am 6ft and am 240 lbs. and I cant find no dealers in my area for the XL. Maine/ PA /Michigan is the only 3 dealers on the east cost I can find. Now I need to find out about the R40 for I got some e mail on it for some people saying they ride it. just need to see if I can find a dealer. Again Thanks again for all your help, for I have to make the right choice the first time, I just cant be trading up for I got the wrong bike the first time. This will have to be a one time buy for me. if I get the wrong bike I am just stuck with it :(
again thanks every one, Hugh W4FBI Charlotte, NC

361. Dealers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-18 06:12:51 UTC
From: w4fbi
Topic: 361 Message: 361

thanks for all the in put. I found a dealer for Burles and they have a dealer in Charlotte, NC and found a Vision R40 dealer in Hendersonville, NC about 2 hour drive from me. at this time the Vision is really looking good but want to check the Burles but they look bouth about the same. never seen one with the stering below the seat. wonder how that will work with ham radio! going to check these two dealers out. again thanks to every one for all the help with brands and you in puts on your bikes. looks like its going to be spring of next year before i get one so got time to look and test. again if you know of any bent bike meets or jamboree's ETC plesase post them or e-mail them to W4FBI@...
NOTE: I am droping AOL soon and moving over to Road Runner. so the w4fbi@... will send it on to my new isp. Thanks Hugh
Charlotte,nc

362. top or bottom????????????

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-19 07:30:52 UTC
From: w4fbi
Topic: 362 Message: 362

Under-seat steering describes the bike configuration where the handlebars are mounted beneath the seat. This position is very comfortable, since your arms are hanging in a relaxed position. The inherent width of the under-seat style also leads toward very gentle handling characteristics.
This is the add I saw on line. any one got a in put on this top or bottom sterring. thanks Hugh W4FBI

363. Re: [BMHA] top or bottom?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-19 13:28:48 UTC
From: Kevin Haywood
Topic: 362 Message: 363

--- w4fbi <w4fbi@...> wrote:
> any one got a in put on this top or
> bottom sterring. thanks Hugh W4FBI
>
I vote for Under-Seat-Steering USS. You get an unobstructed view of scenery ahead. Having nothing in front of you while you ride is an experience unique to recumbents.

I found the Bike-E's little skinny handle bar to be very jittery and unstable. Having a radio mounted there might be very awkward.

Be sure the bike you get has threaded holes for a rack mount.

Kevin

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364. Re: top or bottom?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-20 00:35:23 UTC
From: w4fbi
Topic: 362 Message: 364

Kevin, Thanks. my self I think I would like the bottom way. I got two dealers go go see. on in my charlotte and the other in the mountains about 2 hours a way. and if if all fails the next dealer is in GA. about 4 hours a way. Thanks for you in put on this. Hugh W4FBI

365. Free Ham Radio manuals & schematics - most all brands,vintage too!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-06-29 05:51:56 UTC
From: l566cx
Topic: 365 Message: 365

Links to many free downloadable Ham Radio manuals and schematics at
this URL....

1. http://www.ab7sl.com/index.html?row1col2=links.html

Includes Alinco, Kenwood, Yaesu, Heathkit, Collins, Swan, Icom,
Heathkit, MFJ-Ameritron, Radio Shack and several others.

Also links for many "vintage" rigs manuals and schematics too such as
Hallicrafters, Hammarlund,Drake,Johnson,Kenwood-Trio,Lafayette and
over 125 more vintage rig manuals... 73'

366. Setting up a mbile station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-05 19:39:38 UTC
From: w3tw_2
Topic: 366 Message: 366

Hello to all,
I got a Bikee NX last week from a local dealer. The bike rides great and I am very happy with it. I'd like to hear from other Bikee owners (and any others) on how they setup their mobile station. If you would have changed your original installation please include the details.
I have a Yaesu FT-817 and hope to be active bicycle mobile by the fall. I figure I'd use the 17 meter hamstick to start. I've seen that there is a mounting accessory for the Bikee and would like to use something like that for mounting the antenna.
Thanks for your help in advance.
Tom W3TW

367. Re: [BMHA] Setting up a mbile station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-05 19:45:56 UTC
From: Rick D Garrett
Topic: 366 Message: 367

This is a generic reply, but I too need some help! I was give, by my wife, a Kenwood TH-7A for my birthday, and I already have a GPS3 and a PalmlllC in color, and want to go bicycle mobile.

Connecting all of them is OK. Mounting them to the bicycle is the problem!

Hello to all,
I got a Bikee NX last week from a local dealer.

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368. Re: [BMHA] Setting up a mbile station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-06 02:29:15 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 366 Message: 368

The GPS3 should hold up fine, but I'd be *real* leary of mounting the other two actually on the bike. The GPS is built to withstand shock, but the Palm, not the HT are not. I'd bet the Palm would be the first to go and eventually the HT. Others have mounted radios *on* the bike without problems, but everyone rides different roads. Personally, I would not do it.

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369. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-06 15:33:12 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 369

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /Pres W2PW/BikeE bracket.bmp
Uploaded by : cardealers <presw@...>
Description : bracket details

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/Pres%20W2PW/BikeE%20bracket.bmp

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

cardealers <presw@...>

370. Setting up a mbile station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-06 15:30:44 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 366 Message: 370

I have an FT-817 and GPS and a 7AH gel-cell on my BikeE CT. I have a long strip of Velcro-brand velcro all along the flat top of the frame. The gel-cell velcros to the frame.

BikeE makes an accessory bracket. Then, http://www.ram-mount.com makes a small round base that screws to it, with a rubber ball, which goes to their stalk, which goes to a flat plate, and finally http://www.mountain-ops.com or http://www.w4rt.com has the Mountain-Ops http://www.mountain-ops.com/cgi-local/shop.pl/SID=1017421163.12403/page=product.html/product=80 bracket for the FT817.

Ram-mount has a handlebar mount, which holds another mount specifically made for the GPS, and the Palm.

Yes, it's a lot of parts (all modular) but it does the job properly.

I will post a diagram called BikeE bracket.bmp into the FILES area under the folder named PRES

The antenna is on a 4-foot angle-aluminum running from the back-wheel up along the back seat. The antenna mounts to the top of the angle. I use a http://www.superantennas.com MP-1

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue 112 Ford//Kia 112
Long Island Ford and Kia and Used dealer

GO BILLS!

371. Re: Setting up a mobile station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-06 16:21:48 UTC
From: g4mjw
Topic: 366 Message: 371

Hi Tom and others . . . .

I am sure that BikeE range is abt the best choice for Bike/M . . .
but Recumbents don't suit everyone. My AT gives a very comfortable
and relaxed ride, so much so, that I need the Radio to keep me awake!

It was my intention when making the Antenna bracket, that it would
be for HF but I've a lot of pleasure using my handle-bar mounted
minature Alinco DJ-C4 on it's own tiny antenna to be so much fun
that HF is still to come.

I also have a TH-D7 + Garmin GPS-12 + Palm IIIx and use this with
PocketAPRS (See my website for download). When I arrive back home, I
can see where I have been (my XYL knows where I am as well) on my
shack PC running UI-View(like WinAPRS).

There are some pictures of my BikeE AT and info abt PocketAPRS on my
website:
http://www.skylites.freeserve.co.uk

Bye for now - Steve/G4MJW

372. Re: [BMHA] Setting up a mbile station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-07 08:08:54 UTC
From: Patrick Cook, KB0OXD
Topic: 366 Message: 372

Hi everyone:

If *I* ever get lucky enough to get all the stuff needed to get on APRS, I would just simply use it in the STA (Stand-Alone Tracker) mode and forget bringing along ANY type of PC.

I say this because its bad enough I have to put up with lousy drivers with their STUPID CELL PHONE stuck in their ear. In that situation, I can BARELY hold my thoughts together in a conversation while talking on my HT. A PC with an APRS setup would just be a distraction I *don't* need.

Just my $.02 worth....:-)

Cheers & 73's for now :-)

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KB0OXD CyberShack Webmaster
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Remember....You can visit my Ham Radio websites and PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE GUESTBOOK!!! Otherwise, I wouldn't know if you've even been there and you wouldn't want that.....would you??? :-) *batting eyebrows*
----- Original Message -----
From: Richard Amirault
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 8:29 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Setting up a mbile station

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373. Re: [BMHA] Setting up a mbile station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-07 07:51:35 UTC
From: Patrick Cook, KB0OXD
Topic: 366 Message: 373

Hi Tom:

Since I'm a no-code techie, all I've used recently for my bike mobile setup is my HT (the Icom T81A Quad-Bander) and the dummy load antenna (anybody know where I might be able to pick up a *real* Quad Band antenna, dummy load or not?) and the local 2 meter and (sometimes) 440 machines.

However, if all goes well, that will soon change as I plan to set up a 6M simplex node up on AT LEAST one of those Windows-based Internet linking systems once I upgrade my PC. I'll be using my Icom IC 706 MKIIG as the base (with a seperate rig to control everything) and I'll use the Quad-Band HT whenever I'm out and about.

I'd like to get a Yaesu FT-817, but unless I win one at a local hamfest somehow, it doesn't seem very likely that be getting one anytime soon. :-(

I ride an adult-sized trike since I'm legally disabled and I figure that for the common areas I tend to travel, a node on ^
6M simplex ought to be enough (especially if I crank it all the way up). I'd run it 2 meters, but the band is crowded enough as it is. Plus, the main IRLP node is on 2 meters.

So, there ya have my story everyone. Hey...who knows, before long, we just might find ourselves working each other using only our HTs someday. Now THAT would be COOL!!! :-)

Cheers & 73's for now :-)

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Thanks for your help in advance.
Tom W3TW

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374. sstv bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-07 04:28:41 UTC
From: g3zhi hotmail
Topic: 374 Message: 374

i am looking for people to exchange sstv pictures with while bicycle mobile

i use the local internet linked repeaters to send pictures worldwide

if you would like to make a sked please email me

73 ian

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi - has many ham radio links

United Kingdom Internet Radio Linking Project

I usually monitor G4NJI node 520

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375. Re: Setting up a mbile station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-08 11:27:05 UTC
From: haywoodkb
Topic: 366 Message: 375

--- In BMHA ..., "Richard Amirault" wrote:
> I'd bet the Palm would be the first to go ...

There is a software/hardware package for the Palm computer called
BikeBrain.
http://www.bikebrain.com/

The newsgroup reviews sound positive, although most messages are a
couple of years old and don't mention the Handspring. There is no
mention of problems from bicycle vibrations.
Maybe the mount could be adapted to radio use??

Kevin
in
Georgia

376. Re: [BMHA] Setting up a mbile station (reply)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-08 22:27:52 UTC
From: Tim Eaton
Topic: 366 Message: 376

Rick -
I would have to agree with Richard. I'd take advantage of the bike for mounting a bigger antenna though. You can rig up something for the Palm by using one of the waist pack holders for a portable CD player that hangs right in front of your waist at about the belt buckle level. You have to look down farther then the handle bars, to your waist, but it saves the Palm itself from being bumped to death. I'd also keep the kenwood HT on my belt. The RAM mount seems the most sturdy GPS mount for the handle bars.
Let us know what you end up with. I'm always looking for better mounting methods. Good luck. Tim in Phx. KC7KGQ (P.S. Generous Wife!! Nice Catch!!)
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377. HF Bicycle mobile operation planned!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-17 02:28:41 UTC
From: wc4xned
Topic: 377 Message: 377

From 20 July until 2 August I will be HF bicycle mobile while traveling from Kalispell, Mt to Jasper, AB..a journey of some 600 miles. HF operation will be sporadic but will always begin on the HF Pack 17M frequency. (18157.5) Rig will be FT 817 plus a small home brew
amplifier running about 15 watts out to a home brew helically wound antenna mounted on the rear rack. Operation will be possible on all HF bands 40 thru 10M Keep an ear during "prime pedaling hours" -- between about 10 am and 3pm Pacific time.

Ned
WC4X/Bicycle Mobile W7/VE6/VE7

378. Seeking recumbent recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-17 19:52:12 UTC
From: gcziko
Topic: 378 Message: 378

I am considering purchasing a recumbent for my bicycle mobile operations using my Yaesu FT-817.

I would appreciate hearing from others with recumbents about what type they have and what they like and don't like about it for mobile radio operations.

Thanks,

Gary N9MJZ

379. Tour de France

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-18 18:11:14 UTC
From: wb4ofm
Topic: 379 Message: 379

Is anyone else following it?
where are their race radios and antennas? I see them reach to their chest to key the mic once in awhile.

When will Lance pour on the juice?

380. Re: [BMHA] Tour de France

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-18 20:34:42 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 379 Message: 380

> When will Lance pour on the juice?

regardles of when, please don't anyone spoil it without some announcement in the subject of what it is and a lot of white space at the top...some of us have to wait until we get home to actually watch what we've videotaped during the day, and it's definitely much more fun if we go into it not knowing what has happened.

381. Re: [BMHA] Seeking recumbent recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-18 22:16:32 UTC
From: Allan Howell
Topic: 378 Message: 381

--- gcziko <g-cziko@...> wrote:
> I am considering purchasing a recumbent for my
> bicycle mobile
> operations using my Yaesu FT-817.

Hi Gary...
I'm riding a Rans V-rex. I made a mount to go on top of the handlebar. Near the T. It just doesn't work very well. There is a lot of vibration. Same with the ant mount on the rear rack. The whips vibrate loose on the Comet uhv-6 and fall off. I suppose if the road was always smooth it might work. Might try some sort of sling underneath the flip-it with a hamstick on the back. The rex might be too compact to make it work. I love this bike so won't be changing bikes soon. (maybe the xyl will ante up for an additional ride! NOT);-]

Good luck and 73...Al WD9DKL

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382. Re: [BMHA] Tour de France

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-18 22:22:49 UTC
From: Kevin Haywood
Topic: 379 Message: 382

--- wb4ofm <wb4ofm@...> wrote:
> where are their race radios and antennas?

During the time trial, I saw an antenna poking out from behind a helmet. The aerodynamic shape of the helmet allows room for a radio.
During normal road stages, the radio is in a back pocket and the wires are sewn into the cloth of thier jerseys. The Motorola racing team developed the use of radios during bicycle races a few years ago; now everyone has them.

Kevin
N4MGB

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383. Re: [BMHA] Tour de France

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-19 12:11:07 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 379 Message: 383

That almost happened to me yesterday. I was discussing
it with a friend whose husband had called her and told
her and she almost told me. I had to stop her so I
wouldn't know until last night.
I am reading his biography also, very good book and
its making watching the race more interesting. I can
highly recommend it.

--- Gene Floyd <gfloyd7@...> wrote:
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384. Re: [BMHA] Tour de France

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-19 15:45:05 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 379 Message: 384

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On Fri, 19 Jul 2002, Jim Hall wrote:

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385. Seeking recumbent recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-19 19:06:21 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 378 Message: 385

> I am considering purchasing a recumbent for my
> > bicycle mobile
> > operations using my Yaesu FT-817.
>
> Hi Gary...
> I'm riding a Rans V-rex. I made a mount to go on top
> of the handlebar. Near the T. It just doesn't work
> very well. There is a lot of vibration. Same with the
> ant mount on the rear rack. The whips vibrate loose on
> the Comet uhv-6 and fall off. I suppose if the road
> was always smooth it might work. Might try some sort
> of sling underneath the flip-it with a hamstick on the
> back. The rex might be too compact to make it work. I
> love this bike so won't be changing bikes soon. (maybe
> the xyl will ante up for an additional ride! NOT);-]

Consider mounting the radio low. I had the same, above the handlebar, vibration-laden experience and I went down to the frame just behind the steering column and it's much better.

It's a BikeE CT by the way

The antenna, I went the opposite approach. I took an aluminum "angle rod" and mounted it from the rear axle up along the seat back. Then mounted a http://www.superantennas.com MP-1 and am having success.

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue Motors, Inc.
Long Island Ford and Kia dealer

GO BILLS!
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386. Re: [BMHA] Tour de France

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-19 20:48:09 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 379 Message: 386

There is a commercial on recently exactly like that.
The guy meets this girl and she invites herslf to his
house to watch a movie on cable, so he has to rush out
to get comcast hooked up.
Well, more mountains tonight. Should be a good race.
Next year, they should race with 30 pounds of radios
and antennas, that would be interesting.
Does anyone know if there is a HR special event from
the Tour?

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387. Intro from Ireland

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-20 19:35:16 UTC
From: George Shaw
Topic: 387 Message: 387

Folks

Just a short note to say hello. I have been SWL for some 23yrs and just got my ham licence in March this year. I am hoping to progress to a full class A when it is available in Northern Ireland (the exam that is).

The last time I was on a bike was when I was 17 (now 41) so I have a lot of muscles to find again.

I have just bought a new MTB and hope to be able to cover most of Ireland in the years to come. My pet hobby is electronics so I hope to get some interesting projects together for the bike. GPS, backpacking, HAM and engineering are added to the list of activities that I hope to accommodate.

Anyhow I hope to become an active member of this group and am happy I found it.

73s

George Shaw MI3GTO

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Email: george.shaw@...

388. Recumbent Radio Stations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-22 04:36:10 UTC
From: xtalradio
Topic: 378 Message: 388

><Gary N9MJZ wrote><
> I would appreciate hearing from others with recumbents
> about what type they have and what they like and
> don't like about it for mobile radio operations.

I've QSOed about 5 or 6 other HF Bike Mobile operators on 18MHz from my BikeE recumbant since I got it a few months ago. In fact, the very first contact I made after installing the rig was VE7FM/Bike Mobile! All of these thrilling contacts were on 18157.5kHz SSB and CW. I'm hoping to work Ned while he's on his 600mile ride up north.

I like my BikeE model AT (with fairing) as a radio-mobile. As recumbants go, the BikeE is not quite as laid-back or efficient riding as most others. But it makes a great HF radio station! That's because of a bunch of different factors... notably, the ergonomics are just exactly right for using the rig while still riding safely. Good visibility and access. I use the front water-bottle holder for my FT-817 in front of the handlebar T. That puts it up where it can be seen and operated, without any steering or vibration problems. The "Mountain-Ops" Tac-Pack provides just the right padding to cushion the FT-817 so it fits in the stainless steel bottle holder. Mountain-Ops also has a quick-mount for the FT-817. With the superantennas MP-1 using a custom-bent stainless steel Iron Horse trailer hitch mount on the tail, I have no problem working the world on HF (especially when I run the THP HL-50B 50W amp in the pannier bag). The antenna is angled backwards at 45degrees. That keeps it from interacting so much with the rider's body. Sometimes, when I'm lazy, I use the MP-2 screwdriver... and have the control box for it mounted under the seat.

Although not absolutely necessary for occasional talking, I highly recommend a breakaway headset system. My Adonnis headset system is one that is installed in the helmet, and is made for motorcycles and bikes. I got it at one of the Akihabara ham stores (Tokyo).

Most of my riding with the BikeE is on level ground, and I usually talk a lot on the radio while riding. If I was in a hilly or mountainous area... I would ride the regular bike, instead of the recumbant. Downhill is really nice, but uphill is a battle. Personally, I've found that peddling with my head lower than my feet seems difficult!

Bonnie KQ6XA

389. Mounting bars

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-27 12:27:35 UTC
From: George Shaw
Topic: 389 Message: 389

I am looking to find a supplier of an extension bar to fit to the handlebar of my MTB. The sort of thing I am after is a T bar that would fix to the handlebar at the bottom of the T and allow mounting of a GPS and Mike on the cross top of the T. I wish to mount a remote head from my 2m rig so there is not much room left on the handlebar and the T extension would be just right. Anyone seen such a device I think they were sold for mounting lights on.

George Shaw MI3GTO

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Email: george.shaw@...

390. Re: Mounting bars

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-27 14:16:03 UTC
From: k6lcs
Topic: 389 Message: 390

--- In BMHA@y..., "George Shaw" <george.shaw@u...> wrote:
> I am looking to find a supplier of an extension bar to fit to the
> handlebar of my MTB.

Yes! The Minoura Space Grip. Use google.com to find it at a retailer.

Clint Bradford

391. RE: [BMHA] Re: Mounting bars

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-27 14:20:55 UTC
From: George Shaw
Topic: 389 Message: 391

Gents many thanks that is just the ticket. Order is away to them.

George Shaw MI3GTO

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Email: george.shaw@...

392. Hello from KG4SOE

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-07-30 14:02:01 UTC
From: kg4soe
Topic: 392 Message: 392

Hello this KG4SOE and my name is Jameson. I just got back on Sunday from a 35 mile ride on the Virginia Creeper Rail Trail that is near Abingdon, Virginia. I have a Trek 820 Sport that I would like to set up for touring. Could someone tell me where to look for info on bicycle ham radio-communications? How do you deal with RF so close to you? I would like to know more.

KG4SOE
Jameson

393. Messenger

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-01 18:02:24 UTC
From: wb4ofm
Topic: 393 Message: 393

Is anyone on Yahoo messenger during the day and want to talk some
radio/bike stuff?
I have mine fired up at work now. The connection is not always
reliable, but I will try.
Take care and keep riding
Jim

394. RE: [BMHA] Messenger

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-01 20:58:16 UTC
From: George Shaw
Topic: 393 Message: 394

I am on most of the time, ICQ and MSN only, give me a shout.

George Shaw MI3GTO

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Email: george.shaw@...

-----Original Message-----
From: wb4ofm [mailto:wb4ofm@...]
Sent: 01 August 2002 19:02
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Messenger

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395. Re: Messenger

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-03 00:18:02 UTC
From: N4VDJ
Topic: 393 Message: 395

--- In BMHA@y...,
Im on all the time too as N4VDJ

"wb4ofm" <wb4ofm@y...> wrote:
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396. Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-08 13:20:19 UTC
From: wb4ofm
Topic: 396 Message: 396

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397. Re: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-08 15:30:56 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 396 Message: 397

First, do you currently "do" APRS at all? That is do you have a base or mobile set-up, or do you have to aquire everything new for the bike?

For a bike mobile, you would not need receive (display of other APRS stations) capability, so a "dumb tracker" is what most folks who have done it use (and many automotive mobiles as well) That means you do not need a computer, only a radio, TNC and GPS. The Kenwood D7a HT has a built-in TNC, so that would simplify things considerably if you have or can get one of those.

Would you also need/want to do "regular" bike mobile at the same time?

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ramirault@... "Go Fly A Kite"
http:// www.erols.com/ramirault
----- Original Message -----
From: "wb4ofm" <wb4ofm@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2002 9:20 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Bike APRS

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398. Re: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-08 15:38:09 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 396 Message: 398

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399. RE: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-08 17:15:00 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 396 Message: 399

You can do it on the voice freq. with a MicE type unit such as the Tiny Trak (V 1.4, the V 2.X won't do xmit after voice.) All they have to do is have a scanner on the repeater output to recieve the signal, then digi it out on the APRS freq with the transciever. UIView software and a soundcard equiped PC work great for this. It'll save you a ton of weight, and give outstanding range on your APRS signal, all without having to do a lot of extra stuff on your bike. That's the system I use here in town for my bike.

Jack KE4LWT

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Hall [mailto:wb4ofm@...]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2002 10:38 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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400. RE: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-08 17:23:49 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 396 Message: 400

Thank you,
Less weight is a very good thing. I will pass that one
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prefer that option also so that APRS'ers can get on
the web and follow along if they like. I know very
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401. RE: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-08 19:02:47 UTC
From: Fernando Casanova
Topic: 396 Message: 401

Hi all,
In spain we do Bike APRS and we have a section in our web dedicated to
that...if you do not speak spanish you can always understand the photos.
http://www.ea1uro.com/aprsbici.html

So try it is a lot of fun and if you offer a special QSL, even more!

73s from Spain

Fernando Casanova
www.ea1uro.com

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MSN Fotos: la forma m?s f?cil de compartir e imprimir fotos.
http://photos.msn.es/support/worldwide.aspx

402. RE: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-09 11:48:58 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 396 Message: 402

Fernando,
Thank you for the info. I can muddle through the
spanish somewhat or run it through an online
translator.
Jim
wb4ofm

--- Fernando Casanova <ec1ame@...> wrote:
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403. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 154

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-09 16:45:08 UTC
From: Darrell Sutton
Topic: 403 Message: 403

Hi the D7 would be a great way to do this for sure both voice and aprs in one. I have done this way and worked very well Batteries are easy to change while riding if needed. I Used a second ht for voice on uhf as we had 2 freqs running I believe I had beacon at 3min and batt last for 5hr with some voice..

73's
Darrell
KF4HJW

404. Rack for Fuji Ace

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-11 19:39:38 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 404 Message: 404

Can anyone recommend a bolt on rack for a Fuji Ace? Trying to move the majority of my APRS gear to back so that I can give it some padding in the tail trunk.

Also, anyone on the list from around NE Mississippi? I'm looking for a riding partner.

Jack KE4LWT

"Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival."
- Winston [Leonard Spencer] Churchill (1874 - 1965)

405. Re: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-14 18:29:39 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 396 Message: 405

Very nice webpage. Do you have better pictures of the radio/gps mounting plate that is on the handlebars and how it is attached?

S. Earl Jarosh
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----- Original Message -----
From: "Fernando Casanova" <ec1ame@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2002 2:02 PM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Bike APRS

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> www.ea1uro.com
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> http://photos.msn.es/support/worldwide.aspx
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> To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to
prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts
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> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for
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> Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/
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406. Re: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-14 19:36:09 UTC
From: Fernando Casanova
Topic: 396 Message: 406

Hi,
Will take some new pics with closer views for you...
Pay attention to the list next week!

Greetings from Spain

Fernando
www.ea1uro.com

----Original Message Follows----
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Reply-To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com

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> www.ea1uro.com

Fernando Casanova
Ourense,Espa?a (Spain)
http://www.fernandocasanova.com
http://www.guiadeourense.com

http://www.ea1uro.com
http://www.qsl.net/ec1ame

Charle con sus amigos online usando MSN Messenger: http://messenger.msn.com

407. Re: [BMHA] Bike APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-14 22:51:14 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 396 Message: 407

Thanks,

Earl
----- Original Message -----
From: "Fernando Casanova" <ec1ame@...>
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Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2002 2:36 PM
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408. BikeE Ungracefully Bows Out Of Business

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-29 21:30:22 UTC
From: John K7TY
Topic: 408 Message: 408

One of the popular bike mobile platforms bites the dust....
-John K7TY

BikeE Ungracefully Bows Out Of Business

AUGUST 29, 2002 -- CORVALLIS, OR (BRAIN)--Recumbent leader BikeE closed its doors and went out of business Aug. 23, the company told Bicycle Retailer & Industry News yesterday.

The move shocked few retailers, who had been unable to contact BikeE since mid-August, when the company disconnected its toll-free telephone number and took its web site offline.

Many had been unable to order certain models since June, when the company closed its U.S. assembly facility and moved to a smaller building. Concurrently, it also reduced its orders to Taiwanese manufacturers and told many retailers it would not have fresh product until October.

Bob Brown, the company's president and a shareholder, blamed increased operating costs for the shutdown. He also said a weak post-Sept. 11 economy and two costly recalls this year played a role in the company's demise.

BikeE had as many as 30 employees but it had been trimming its staff over the last few months. On Aug. 23, it terminated its last four employees.

The company, the country's largest recumbent maker, sold approximately 10,000 bikes last year. One person close to the company estimated it had sales of $6 million last year.

BikeE turned over the collection of accounts receivables and liquidation of its remaining inventory to agents of its secured creditors, which Brown declined to name. Brown estimated that the company has about $500,000 of product left in inventory.

Brown said questions regarding receivables should be directed to (541) 738-4327, an independent agency. Questions regarding inventory can be directed to Brown at (541) 738-4390.

The move also pulled the warranty rug out from under retailers who sold the company's products. An estimated 30,000 bikes were sold in BikeE's 10-year existence.

"It really compromises the relationship between retailers and their customers," said Dirk Reitsma, owner of D.J.'s Cycles, a BikeE dealer at in Belmar, New Jersey

Brown declined to reveal BikeE's outstanding debt, but he did admit that the company had never been profitable on an annual basis.

409. Re: BikeE Ungracefully Bows Out Of Business

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-30 18:19:25 UTC
From: w3tw_2
Topic: 408 Message: 409

I just started a "beowners" group in the recumbents group to help fill the void.

My Bikee NX is a great bike. I hope others will join me there to continue passing along information to other owners.

Tom W3TW

410. BikeE Ungracefully Bows Out Of Business

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-08-31 13:50:40 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 408 Message: 410

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> fill the void.

Uh. Where?

Thanks

Pres Waterman W2PW
c/o Patchogue 112 Ford//Kia 112
Long Island Ford and Kia and Used dealer

GO BILLS!

411. Re: BikeE Ungracefully Bows Out Of Business

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-09-03 11:58:53 UTC
From: w3tw_2
Topic: 408 Message: 411

Sorry...I must have been more upset then I realized!!!
It's in groups.yahoo.com
Recreation & Sports / sports / cycling / recumbents

Tom
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412. Re: BikeE Ungracefully Bows Out Of Business

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-09-03 11:59:07 UTC
From: w3tw_2
Topic: 408 Message: 412

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413. Tool-E Also Closing? (BikeE Accessory Tray)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-09-03 19:21:57 UTC
From: xtalradio
Topic: 413 Message: 413

It looks like the Tool-E will also go out of business, due to Bike-E's demise. The Tool-E sliding tray for BikeE models can be locked and it is good for BikeE mobile radio stuff. The SHOCK 911 is a spare part that takes the place of the BikeE shock in a pinch. Here is part of an email I received from the Tool-E guy.
---Bonnie KQ6XA
BikeE model AT operator

Forwarded Message follows:
Link
http://hometown.aol.com/whytoole
"As many of you already know BikeE has closed its doors as of Aug 23/02. This has left me with an inventory of about 150 TOOL-E trays in various models to get rid of. The price for any model tray is $20 plus $3.85 S&H. And while supplies last a Free SHOCK 911 will be sent out with all suspended model purchases. One per order. The SHOCK 911 is now priced at $5 free shipping. You can inform other BikeE riders of this close out by sending them my site address WHYTOOL-E."

414. Anyone worked DXCC from bicycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-10-28 09:39:43 UTC
From: dl3naa
Topic: 414 Message: 414

Hi!

I just wonder if anyone already did it? I think it should be very difficult to do for US-stations but in Europe there are a lot of DXCC-countries so there should be a chance. I have worked 49 countries so far (only 20m/CW and while running QRP).
How about crating a "honor roll" for WKD DXCC?

73 from Germany!

Peter DL3NAA

415. Re: Anyone worked DXCC from bicycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-10-29 17:53:47 UTC
From: wb9gie
Topic: 414 Message: 415

I think a couple of guys have done it... I've got 96 countries worked from the bike, mostly using an old Argonaut 509 (around 5 watts input). Haven't really tried for new countries for 7 or 8 years now, mostly chewing the rag while cycling... I picked up an FT-817 last year, I guess I could go at hard again... I just don't have the adrenaline driving me like I did back in the 1970'-1980's... I used to be pretty much in disbelief working Moscow, Pretoria, Melbourne, etc while peddling around Wisconsin using a couple of "D" cell flashlight batteries (got a 7 Amp-Hr gel cell sometime in the 1980's)...

Elroy
WB9GIE

http://community-2.webtv.net/WB9GIE/WB9GIEsBicycling/

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416. Re: [BMHA] Re: Anyone worked DXCC from bicycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-11-02 02:18:28 UTC
From: Peter Ackermann
Topic: 414 Message: 416

Hi Elroy!

Thank you very much for your informations! I already knew your homepage and I must say that I?m very impressed about your 96 DXCC-countries from W9 witrh QRP.

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> etc while peddling around Wisconsin using a couple of "D" cell
> flashlight batteries (got a 7 Amp-Hr gel cell sometime in the
> 1980's)...

Well, it is really a problem to tell others about the possibilities one has with a bicycle station. I had made a strange experience this summer: Sitting at a park and doing some nice contacts two police-men came and asked me what I?m doing. I told them about ham radio and they were very friendly. One asked: So you use your big antenna to do contacts. Are you able to talk to people in Heidelberg (that was the next bigger town about 30 km away!). I replied that I might be not to easy (I only work 20 meter band) but I just mad a contact with a station in Norway. He looked at me and then said: "Dont try to make us silly!" They could not believe me and they thought that I would do a joke with them....

73!

Peter DL3NAA

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+++ GMX - Mail, Messaging & more http://www.gmx.net +++
NEU: Mit GMX ins Internet. Rund um die Uhr f?r 1 ct/ Min. surfen!

417. Re: Anyone worked DXCC from bicycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-11-04 19:00:15 UTC
From: wb9gie
Topic: 414 Message: 417

Thanks, Peter...

I remember a couple of instances like you mentioned... One was in a park, when 3 park attendants/security drove up saying that people had seen me talking from my bicycle (this is before cell phones were common) and they were concerned something might not be right with the situation... They asked me who I was talking to, but I was in the middle of a QSO on 10 m SSB at the time... They heard me tell this ham that I was on a bicycle and that I was in Milwaukee, near the Great Lakes in north-central United States... Then they heard the guy on the radio come back saying that he was something like 30km outside of Tokyo, and well, they had this look, that I can't decribe, but, well, I'm sure you've seen it, Peter... The JA was coming in quite well here, S8-S9, so they had no problem hearing what he had said...

Another time, in the early 1990's I was working 2nd shift at a company about 5 miles south of the home QTH, getting off work around midnite... While I was cycling home, I was going through a pretty nice suburban residential area, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, talking to someone on the rig, when the local police pulled me over, lights flashing and everything... They proceeded to check me out, asked a lot of questions, ("Officer, I talk all over the world from my bicycle with this equipment...") then, I remembered that I had tucked away, in my rear pannier, a copy of the current Milwaukee Magazine, a pretty nice glossy mag that was sold around town, and the current issue had pics of me and the bicycle station in a really nice article... I pulled it out and showed them, and told them that if they wanted more info about my bicycle station, that the magazine is available at the local 24 Hour "Open Pantry" type store that was just down the road another 5 or 6 blocks. I had bought my copy there just the night before and taken it to work to show friends.

I'm not sure if I'm impressed anymore about 96 countries worked... At one time I was, but they all came pretty easy and I actually should have a lot more... And the thing is, I'm not doing anyting that is really impressive... I mean, with QRP power levels, and a tuned whip antenna, and good conditions, it just happens... Nothing really special there... It's just, I think that I was there when equipment became small enough to mount on a bicycle (if you can call an Argonaut 509 small; "light-weight" is probably a better word...)

Peter, I think I'm most proud of my HF long distance bicycle-to-bicycle contacts that I had... One (with WA4YDK) that was in the month of January in Wisconsin, which was bitter cold on my end of the contact and one (with WC4X) that also had CQ Magazine columnist Dave Ingram listening in and who talked to us from his home QTH and also

the ARRL- Wisconsin Section Manager was listening in and worked us...

Well, I guess I ran on a little long about this, but, it's good to see you doing 20m work... CW at that, which to me is very impressive doing that from a bicycle... Out of hundreds and hundreds of radio contacts I've had on ham bands from 3.5 MHz to 440 Mhz, I think only two were CW, because that's kinda tricky, to say the least...

Well, I'm on my lunch hour at work... Time to get back to work now, Peter...

73's from the U.S.A.

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418. Re: [BMHA] Re: Anyone worked DXCC from bicycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-11-04 19:23:59 UTC
From: Jeffrey R. Lehman, KC8QCH
Topic: 414 Message: 418

Reminds me also of a time (before I got into ham radio) when a few friends and I used handheld CB's mounted to our bikes. We were playing Cat and Mouse, a CB version of fox hunting, in a local park and as we were playing, someone contacrted us and joined the game. as we were finishing, this mystry person was one of the last people to the hiding place. We turned around when we heard him call and say he was in sight and saw.....you guessed it....a Park Ranger roll up (here in Hamilton County, OH, the Park Rangers are a full police department and dispatched through our county comm center). At first we thought we were in trouble, but then he asked us "okay who hides next?" and showed us his Handheld CB. We all laughed. Turns out he saw us riding our bikes around the park and flipped on the Mobile CB in his cruiser. He found our channel, grabbed his bike from the back of the crusier and joined us. Not only did we have a blast that day, and a good laugh, but we made a friend in the Park Rangers ;) Haven't been pulled over yet fro riding on the street and talking, but I'm waiting ;)

73,
Jeff

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419. Have we ever thought about a VHF Net?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-12-28 15:32:48 UTC
From: jtwoodstock <yahoogroups@woodyware.com>
Topic: 419 Message: 419

With IRLP and EchoLink available to many hams, are there IRLP or EchoLink Nets formed to discuss bicycle mobile?

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Personally I have cycled just over 2000 miles this year. Any many of those hours I was chatting via IRLP to hams around the globe. It adds a whole new twist to my riding.

Anyway -- Just a thought!

420. Ham planning for bike tours

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-12-28 18:31:41 UTC
From: Phil Milazzo <philip_milazzo@yahoo.com>
Topic: 420 Message: 420

Hi all,

As the lucky pup responsible for ham radio planning for the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, let me invite you to take a look at how we approach the job.

We began to publish ham-specific planning information through the web last summer. This year we'll make it available to any BRAG-connected person who needs it. We hope it will save a lot of copying and mailing paper documents, and even e-mailing files around.

Take a look at

http://www.geocities.com/philip_milazzo

using the login bmha and the password dahdit. Those credentials will be valid for 20 days. Please share your comments and suggestions. Thanks.

Phil KC6OEI
Cumming GA

421. RE: [BMHA] Have we ever thought about a VHF Net?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-12-28 20:18:02 UTC
From: George Shaw
Topic: 419 Message: 421

I am up for a EchoLink net 4 sure..

73

--
George Shaw MI3GTO

" Any Sufficiently Advanced Technology
is Indistinguishable from Magic"
---Arthur C. Clarke

Mobile: +44 (0) 7740 361 163
Email: george.shaw@...

-----Original Message-----
From: jtwoodstock <yahoogroups@...>
[mailto:yahoogroups@...]
Sent: 28 December 2002 15:33
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Have we ever thought about a VHF Net?

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BMHA-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to
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posts will be deleted.

Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for
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422. Re: Have we ever thought about a VHF Net?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-12-29 18:43:52 UTC
From: jtwoodstock <yahoogroups@woodyware.com>
Topic: 419 Message: 422

I am the trustee of the conference server '*LI_NY*'. We can use that.

What date/time would be best for you?

John Woodstock
K1DWU

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "George Shaw" <george.shaw@u...> wrote:
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423. Anyone Riding in Kokomo, Indiana, New Years Day?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2002-12-29 19:15:46 UTC
From: Rick D Garrett
Topic: 423 Message: 423

Gang, hope this isn't going to be considered OT. I just got my new bike.....no radios installed yet.....anyway going to be doing the Polar Bear Ride in Kokomo, Indiana, on New Years Day.....anyone else on the group gonna be there? If so.....perhaps we can hook up and say HI?

Rick N9GSU

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

424. irlp sked for bicycle mobile qso

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-01-03 08:02:53 UTC
From: ian abel <g3zhi@hotmail.com>
Topic: 424 Message: 424

i use irlp all the time when i am out cycling
if you want to make a sked for a qso via your local irlp node
please email me

73 ian

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi - many ham radio links

United Kingdom Internet Radio Linking Project

http://www.ukirlp.co.uk http://www.irlp.co.uk http://www.irlp.net

I usually monitor G4NJI node 520 simplex 145.2875mhz and GB3DV node
513 repeater 433.025mhz

Ian Abel G3ZHI
52 Hollytree Ave
Maltby
Rotherham
Yorkshire
S66 8DY

Tel: 01709 799911
Mobile 0776 481 3363

425. Re: [BMHA] irlp sked for bicycle mobile qso

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-01-03 21:19:23 UTC
From: Patrick Cook, KB0OXD
Topic: 424 Message: 425

Hi everyone:

----- Original Message -----
From: <g3zhi@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2003 1:02 AM
Subject: [BMHA] irlp sked for bicycle mobile qso

> i use irlp all the time when i am out cycling
> if you want to make a sked for a qso via your local irlp node
> please email me

You may also want to plug in a few repeaters linked to EchoLink and eQSO as well. For more info. on these systems, go to the URLs below....

EchoLink - http://www.echolink.net/
eQSO - http://www.eqso.org/

There's a STRONG European prescence on both of these systems, more so than on IRLP IMHO.

Cheers for now & 73's :-)

Patrick Cook, KB0OXD
KB0OXD CyberShack Webmaster
Owner - EchoLink Node 19905
Denver eQSO Server - milehigh.dns2go.com (Port 10024)
pchamster@...
Denver, Colorado USA Grid Square - DM79
http://www.qsl.net/kb0oxd/
Remember....You can visit my Ham Radio websites and PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE GUESTBOOK!!! Otherwise, I wouldn't know if you've even been there and you wouldn't want that.....would you??? :-) *batting eyebrows*

426. New QRP rig from Italy

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-02-12 14:03:45 UTC
From: wb9gie <WB9GIE@webtv.net>
Topic: 426 Message: 426

Here's a link to an interesting little QRP rig that I just found out
about:

http://www.microtelecom.it/digimit/

Elroy
WB9GIE
Milwaukee, WI

427. ukirlp february 2003 newsletter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-02-13 17:48:12 UTC
From: ian abel <g3zhi@hotmail.com>
Topic: 427 Message: 427

ukirlp february 2003 newsletter

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi/2003.doc

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi - many ham radio links

United Kingdom Internet Radio Linking Project

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428. Dayton Hamvention BMHA forum speakers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-06 23:25:20 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 428 Message: 428

As the moderator for this years BMHA forum (again) I am looking for one or more speakers (geting desparate too). If you would consider talking about your project, trip or anything that you think would be of interest, please contact me ASAP. Time is getting short. A Hamvention ticket will be provided.

Please email me at nf0n@... if interested.

Thanks, Mike NF0N

429. Perfect HF Bicycle Mobile Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-11 01:30:54 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 429 Message: 429

==== THE PERFECT HF BICYCLE MOBILE ANTENNA ====
==== by Bonnie Crystal KQ6XA ====
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==INTRODUCTION==
HF Bicycle Mobile operation has increased significantly over the last two years. The popularity is partly due to increased interest, awareness, and organization of it among radio operators; and partly due to miniaturization and reduced weight of battery operated transcievers. This article includes an overview of important factors about the installion and choice of an HF bicycle mobile antenna system. Included is a listing with subjective ratings for various configurations of antennas which have been successfully used by the author.

==IMPORTANT FEATURES FOR BICYCLE MOBILE ANTENNAS==
An HF Bicycle Mobile antenna should be safe, strong, durable, flexible, lightweight, highly efficient, frequency agile, easy to adjust low SWR, collapsible, and cover 80~10 meters. Some mounts and antennas made for automobile HF operation may be applicable to bike mobile, but most automobile antennas are not optimized for bike operation. Standard mobile 3/8-24 threaded fittings are desirable for mounting and putting together different configurations. Unlike the automotive standard of 13 feet, the height of a bicycle antenna should probably be kept under 9 or 10 feet (depending upon QTH), and the tip should be very flexible, due to lower overhanging tree branches encountered on sidewalks and bike paths. The antenna should be mounted on the rear of the bicycle as far back as possible, and slanted backwards between 20 and 45 degrees to minimize both wind drag and proximity of the RF radiating element to the rider's head and torso. For a variety of reasons, a whip antenna is by far the most practical and effective choice.

==SAFETY ISSUES FOR BIKE MOBILE INSTALLATIONS==
Above all, a bicycle mobile antenna should be safe for the rider and surrounding people. Even if the rider intends to only operate the bike off-road, at some point almost all bicycle riders find themselves encoutering automobile and truck traffic. It is of utmost importance that the Bicycle Mobile radio system should not impair the rider's balance, vision, or ability to maneuver. Weight and leverage on the bike frame is an important factor which should be considered when installing the mountings. The antenna and radio system should be mounted well clear of the rider and provide space for body motions. Bicycle operation subjects the antenna system to road vibration, side-to-side mechanical oscillations, and wind gusts. The antenna should produce a minimum of added wind drag. A

small yellow or orange ribbon streamer attached with a blunt ball of tape on the tip of the antenna is a useful safety feature both for traffic visibility and to help prevent eye injury. SSB operation is made easier and safer by the use of a single-ear headset equipped with "break-away" connector and a handlebar Push=ON/Push=OFF or toggle PTT switch. Standard momentary PTT buttons that require constant finger pressure should be avoided. CW operation can be both fun and easy with a miniature paddle mounted on the handlebar adjacent to the brake lever. All heavy or sharp objects in the radio system should be well padded and secured. When installing the bike mobile equipment, consideration should be given to what might happen to the rider should there be an unexpected fall.

==THE SEARCH FOR A PERFECT BICYCLE MOBILE ANTENNA==
As an antenna designer and experimenter, my personal search for the "Perfect Bike Mobile Antenna" has been fun! Over the past year, I've tried variations of many different configurations and models of commercial and homebrew antennas on my Bicycle Mobile (BikeE model AT recumbant, no longer in production). All of these antennas were mounted on the rear rack rail of the bike, tilted back at a 35 degree angle from vertical, using the bicycle's metal frame for a counterpoise. The antenna mount "ground" connection is bonded to the frame with copper braid. For composite-frame bicycles, the addition of adhesive copper or aluminum tape is suggested for bonding all the metal parts together, including the front and rear axles. Much of my HF bicycle activity is on 18157.5kHz USB, where I've had Bike-to-Bike QSOs with over 10 other /BM operators. My bike activity includes all HF amateur bands from 80 to 10 meters, with DX, local, and NVIS propagation.

==RATING BIKE MOBILE ANTENNA CONFIGURATIONS==
There are pros and cons to almost every antenna system. Some aspects of a bike mobile antenna may be more important than others, therefore, a suitable effective compromise may be the best answer. The following list includes some of the very best antenna configurations I have personally used, along with some subjective ratings, descriptions, and comments about each of them.

==RATINGS CATEGORIES==
= Safety (NOTE: Depends upon installation)
= Flexibility
= Low Weight
= Low Leverage
= Strength / Durability
= Ease of Removal or Collapsible
= Radiation Efficiency
= Ease of Mounting
= Ease of Frequency Agility
= Low Wind Drag
= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
= Low Height

==SUBJECTIVE RATING SCALE: 1 TO 5 ==
=5=Excellent
=4=Good
=3=Normal
=2=Not-Useful
=1=Not-Applicable

==ANTENNA CONFIGURATION RATING LIST==
== (in no particular order of preference) ==

A. SUPER ANTENNAS MODEL MP-2
... miniature motorized screwdriver
... 48 inch stainless steel whip
... no base rod
... tested on 7~28MHz
4= Safety
5= Flexibility
3= Low Weight
5= Low Leverage
4= Strength / Durability
4= Ease of Removal or Collapsible
4= Radiation Efficiency 4= 18~28MHz; 3=7~14MHz
5= Ease of Mounting
5= Ease of Frequency Agility (While Riding 7~54MHz)
5= Low Wind Drag
5= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
5= Low Height

B. SUPER ANTENNAS MODEL MP-2
... miniature motorized screwdriver
... 48 inch thin stainless steel whip
... with short base rod
... tested on 7~28Mhz
4= Safety
4= Flexibility
3= Low Weight
3= Low Leverage
4= Strength / Durability
4= Ease of Removal or Collapsible
4= Radiation Efficiency 4=14~28MHz; 3=7~10MHz
5= Ease of Mounting
5= Ease of Frequency Agility (While Riding 7~30MHz)
5= Low Wind Drag
5= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
5= Low Height

C. SUPER ANTENNAS MODEL MP-1
... manual screwdriver
... telescopic whip
... long base rod
... tested on 7~28MHz (3.8MHz with added coil)
4= Safety

3= Flexibility
5= Low Weight
4= Low Leverage
3= Strength / Durability
5= Ease of Removal or Collapsible
5= Radiation Efficiency 5=10~28MHz; 3=3.5~7MHz
5= Ease of Mounting
4= Ease of Frequency Agility (Stop to adjust)
5= Low Wind Drag
5= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
5= Low Height

D. SUPER ANTENNAS MODEL MP-1
... manual screwdriver
... 48 inch thin stainless steel whip
... short base rod
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4= Strength / Durability
5= Ease of Removal or Collapsible
5= Radiation Efficiency 5=10~28MHz; 3=3.5~7MHz
5= Ease of Mounting
4= Ease of Frequency Agility (Stop to adjust)
5= Low Wind Drag
5= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
5= Low Height

E. BUDDIPOLE MODEL BUDDISTICK
... tapped coil, extra added tap points
... telescopic stainless steel whip
... with standard base rod
... tested on 7~28MHz
4= Safety
3= Flexibility
5= Low Weight
4= Low Leverage
4= Strength / Durability
5= Ease of Removal or Collapsible
5= Radiation Efficiency 5=10~28MHz; 4=7MHz
5= Ease of Mounting
3= Ease of Frequency Agility (Stop/set-taps/adjust)
5= Low Wind Drag
5= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
5= Low Height

F. BUDDIPOLE MODEL BUDDISTICK
... 48 inch thin stainless steel whip added
... with standard base rod

... tapped coil, extra added tap points
... tested on 7~28MHz
4= Safety
4= Flexibility
5= Low Weight
5= Low Leverage
5= Strength / Durability
4= Ease of Removal or Collapsible
5= Radiation Efficiency 5=10~28MHz; 4=7MHz
5= Ease of Mounting
3= Ease of Frequency Agility (Stop, tap change)
5= Low Wind Drag
5= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
5= Low Height

G. LAKEVIEW MODEL HAMSTICK 14 MHz
... single band fiber/stainless whip
4= Safety
5= Flexibility
5= Low Weight
4= Low Leverage
5= Strength / Durability
3= Ease of Removal or Collapsible (not collapsible)
4= Radiation Efficiency
5= Ease of Mounting
1= Ease of Frequency Agility (Single band only!)
5= Low Wind Drag
5= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
5= Low Height

H. HOMEBREW CABELLAS FISHING POLE and ATU
... 14ft telescopic composite fishing pole
... spiralled #24 wire taped to pole
... Automatic Antenna Tuning Unit (VX-1200)
3= Safety
3= Flexibility
5= Low Weight
3= Low Leverage
3= Strength / Durability
4= Ease of Removal or Collapsible
5= Radiation Efficiency: 5=10~30MHz; 3=3.5~7MHz
3= Ease of Mounting (taped onto short alum. rod)
5= Ease of Frequency Agility (While riding, with ATU)
3= Low Wind Drag
1= Standard 3/8-24 Threads
1= Low Height

==CONCLUSION==
The "perfect" bike mobile antenna may not yet exist! But, there are
some excellent configurations available to the bike mobile operator
by mixing and matching different commercial and homebrew components.

Perhaps an extremely flexible thin 7.5ft whip, combined with a lightweight motorized high Q tuned coil at the base provides the safest and most efficient frequency agile system. For the rider that strives for lowest weight, a manually tuned system could be the answer... although quick frequency tune up may be a decisive factor for those who don't wish to stop for band changes while riding. The author hopes this article inspires more experimentation and on-air HF bicycle mobile activity among radio operators, and helps to clarify some of the issues involved in building a good bicycle antenna. Ride safely and carry a big signal!

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430. Re: Perfect HF Bicycle Mobile Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-12 01:54:49 UTC
From: VE3JC John Cumming
Topic: 429 Message: 430

Bonnie,
Thanks for sharing the super article and rating system for hf bicycle mobile antennas.

Trying to achieve consensus on the "perfect" bike mobile antenna would probably be about as easy as getting everyone to agree on "what constitutes a perfect bicycle" :^)

Here are a few notes I jotted down while reading your article, which obviously reflect my own biases.

- characteristics of the bike itself will influence antenna choice. The optimum antenna solution for my hardtail aluminum frame mountain bike may not be optimum for a recumbent or full suspension bike.

- Use of a BOB trailer or heavy duty pannier rack may influence antenna choice. (for example Russ, KB8U, makes good use of hamsticks mounted to his BOB trailer behind his recumbent)

- Rig to be used, and favorite band/mode will also strongly influence antenna choice. A monoband whip with an 817, or a multiband compromise antenna with a single band rig are obviously poor choices.

- It is not necessary to angle the antenna back, provided it can be mounted far enough behind the seat to permit easy mounting and dismounting. The antenna on my '97 Gary Fisher hardtail is mounted vertically, on an aluminum pole which extends well behind the seat.

- Any adjustable-while-riding antenna system (eg motorized screwdriver) can be dangerous if it takes your attention off the road. Same goes for rig controls. If you have to take your focus off the road for more than an instant to make an adjustment, don't do it! Stop and get off the road.

- One of the things I like about the K2 is that the "dit" on my handlebar-mounted paddles doubles as the PTT button for ssb operation. I can use the ptt with my thumb while still having my hands on the handlebars and brake controls.

- The "Pit Stop" factor: Bicycle mobile hf'ing adds weight to your bicycle, and necessitates special "kick stand" requirements. Therefore, the "perfect" bicycle mobile antenna system is completely adjustable from a simple dismount position, with the bike leaning against you. In other words, an antenna system which requires that you "park" the bike, rummage through your pannier bag to change antenna components, etc. should lose a few rating points when compared to a system which can be changed in a quick pit stop.

- SWR consistency: It is interesting to remove the rig from the handlebar mount and replace it with an MFJ-249 analyzer. Take a brisk ride over some rough terrain in windy and rainy weather, and see how the SWR behaves. It's one thing to be able to tune up in the driveway .... ;^) By the way, be sure to make all antenna adjustments based on your actual riding conditions. Your body (and your BOB trailer) will influence tuning.

- In the efficiency category, the Outbacker type antennas may not be fare as well as the systems you have rated. However, the Outbacker Perth continues to be my preferred Bicycle Mobile antenna, for the following reasons:

== I can switch to any band in a ten second dismount, providing all band capability
== I can clip on a copper wire capacity hat at the base of the whip, which immediately permits operation in the cw portion of the 80 and 40 meter bands (full band coverage for other bands available with simple whip adjustment)
== The stainless steel whip is very "forgiving" if I encounter foliage, etc. It can also be quickly collapsed, or the antenna removed completely - in which case it is transported easily on brackets mounted to the aluminum support pole.

"Outbacker" type antennas can be homebrewed for particular bands - Ned Mountain's 40/17 bike mobile antenna is one example.

Hope these comments are useful. Can't wait for the icy roads to clear up here in Southern Ontario!

73, John VE3JC

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431. need some help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-21 17:34:53 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 431 Message: 431

A buddy here at work was discussing solar powering his bike. I was telling him about the Ham Radio gentleman who rides each year out of canada to the dayton hamvention. I know I have seen a website showing his bike and trailor rig, but now I can't find it.
Does this sound familiar to anyone?
Thanks,
Jim

432. Re: [BMHA] need some help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-21 22:58:11 UTC
From: VE3JC John Cumming
Topic: 431 Message: 432

You might be thinking of my pictures at

http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/to_fdim.htm

(More pictures elsewhere on my website, but the "to_fdim" page shows the trailers used by me and Russ KB8U. Unfortunately I think I'll be driving to Dayton this year, but may bring the bike along for the BMHA ride. (by the way, "fdim" stands for "four days in may", the QRP ARCI festivities which are held in conjunction with Dayton)

I do have a solar panel system and charge controller for the bike (mounted on the trailer) - Very tempted to take it on our ride to Dayton last year, but it would have been useless baggage - we never saw any sun at all!

73, John VE3JC

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433. Re: [BMHA] need some help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-22 13:09:26 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 431 Message: 433

Thank you John. Now that I see your call and name they both look familiar. My friend at work is a biker and an electronics type person so I am trying to get him into ham radio. He enjoys experimenting with alternative power and as best I recall from seeing your trailor once, it had solar panels on it.
Thanks again, I will take a look at your pictures.
Jim
VE3JC John Cumming <jbcumming@...> wrote:You might be thinking of my pictures at

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434. RE: [BMHA] Digest Number 175

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-22 16:35:35 UTC
From: Bruce Thompson
Topic: 434 Message: 434

> may bring the bike along for the BMHA ride

Could you tell me more? I'm heading to Dayton this year for the first time and a ride would be a lot of run.

Bruce KG0SH
Golden, CO

435. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 175

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-25 02:28:05 UTC
From: bassoon2cc@aol.com
Topic: 434 Message: 435

If you check the BMHA website there should be a map and information about the bike ride. They usually put it on the website a few weeks or so before the hamvention. I have ridden the last few years and we always have a great time. Jim Gumbert is usually in charge of the ride. For information from last year's ride see: HamVention ride (http://www.lafetra.com/BMHA/Timely/hamvention_ride_2002.htm) Carol KC8CEX [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

436. Re: [BMHA] Ride at Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-03-25 02:45:47 UTC
From: VE3JC John Cumming
Topic: 436 Message: 436

Hi Bruce,
The BMHA ride at Dayton is an annual event, held on the Saturday
afternoon of Hamvention weekend (gives you Friday and Saturday morning
to buy all the goodies, and doesn't interfere with the BMHA forum.)

Keep an eye on
http://www.lafetra.com/bmha/Timely/Dayton2003.htm
for further details as Dayton gets closer.
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437. Reminder - MS150 Houston to Austin, Texas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-04-05 05:02:15 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 319 Message: 437

We would like to remind you of this upcoming event.

MS150 Houston to Austin, Texas

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2003
Time: All Day

This is a two-day, 180 mile ride

To register: www.ms150.org

To volunteer for ham radio support: kf5nd@...

438. Dayton Hamvention HFpack Events

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-04-13 23:35:36 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 438 Message: 438

Many operators enjoyed attending the HFpack events at the Dayton Hamvention last year. This year's Hamvention HFpack events will include a technical forum about HF Pedestrian operation, an eyeball rally, and the popular Big HF Pedestrian QSO. Bring your HF rig with you, it would be great to have some HF bike mobiles there!
---Bonnie KQ6XA

==Dayton Hamvention HFpack Schedule of Events==

=18157.5 kHz USB = Dayton HFpack open calling frequency=
All operators welcome.

=HFpack Lunch Rally and Eyeball=
12:00 Noon Saturday 17 May 2003
Location: Outside the Main Hall.
Look for the HFpack Logo Banner.
"Best Backpack" Contest.
Pack your radio with your lunch!

=Big HFpack Pedestrian QSO=
1:00pm to 1:30pm Saturday 17 May 2003 (1700z UTC)
18157.5 kHz USB (also 7242.5 kHz LSB)
Take part in the largest HF/PM/BM QSO in the world.
QSO Leader: Mark KI0PF
Location: Outside the Main Hall.
Look for HFpack Logo Banner and sign the QSL Card!

=HFpack Forum: Successful HF Pedestrian Techniques=
10:45am to Noon Sunday 18 May 2003
Location: Hamvention Forum Room 2
HFpack discussion and powerpoint presentation about the latest developments in pedestrian HF operation.
Presenter: Bonnie Crystal KQ6XA
HF Portable Door Prizes!

439. Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, June 14-21, 2003

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-04-15 18:07:37 UTC
From: Phil Milazzo
Topic: 439 Message: 439

Let me invite my fellow BMHA members to join the 2003 Bicycle Ride Across Georgia. http://www.brag.org

I'm responsible for amateur radio communication on BRAG. I think it would be fun to have a clear BMHA presence on BRAG and other state bike tours. I missed out on combining ham radio with RAGBRAI last year. Since it was my first, I focused on being a first-timer and chose to leave my radio at home.

Phil KC6OEI
Cumming, GA

440. Door Prizes - HFpack Dayton Events - Free

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-05-02 19:55:54 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 440 Message: 440

Free Door Prizes at the Dayton HFpack Events.
The following sponsors are providing door prizes:
Super Antennas "YP-2 Portable Yagi w/Collapsible Mast"
Ventenna; "HFp Antenna w/Backpack Mount"
W3FF Antennas; "Buddipole" collapsible portable dipole!

Many operators enjoyed attending the HFpack events at
the Dayton Hamvention last year. This year's events will include the
new HFpack Technical Forum on Sunday. Saturday is the HFpack Eyeball
Rally and the world's largest HF Pedestrian QSO.
Bring your HF Bike Mobile or HF portable rig with you!

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=3997.5 LSB evenings +/-2kHz (or 3992.5 /3987.5)=
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HF Portable Door Prizes!
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HFpack. The HF Portable Group website:
http://www.hfpack.com

441. Empire State Aids benefit bicycle ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-05-04 22:25:18 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 441 Message: 441

Hi. I just got this recently:

AIDS bicycle ride requests ham radio support. Hundreds of bicyclists
will be pedaling from Niagara Falls to New York City for charity from
August 18-23, 2003. It's called the Empire State AIDS Ride. It's a
500-mile trek. Some days they will be riding over 100 miles. You can
read more about the ride and the beneficiaries (as well as donate,
volunteer, ride or get your friends to donate/volunteer/ride) at:
http://www.empirestateaidsride.org/ If you would like to join the
discussion group specifically for Amateur Radio operators that will
be helping out then send an email to:
EmpireHam03-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
Submitted by Mark Wintle, W1NTL,
http://www.wintle.com/w1ntl/empire03/ or MEW@...

I was wondering: is anyone planning on riding and using ham radio in the
ride? I am considering it.

Thanks

.Pres Waterman.W2PW
GO BILLS!

442. BMHA Dayton Hamvention Bike Ride May 17th

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-05-10 23:52:57 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 442 Message: 442

The 12th Annual BMHA Dayton Hamvention ride will be held Saturday May 17th, 2003. Here are the details of how to get there and when it starts:

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America's Twelth Annual Hamvention Ride

Tipp City Park, Tipp City, Ohio
Ride Begins 3:30 PM Saturday, May 17, 2003
Come and meet your fellow BMHA members and check out their bicycle-mounted transceivers. Set up a special-event station. You can bring your bike and come on the ride, or relax in the park and perhaps have a QSO with those of us on the ride. Also, in response to requests from BMHAers who may have logistical problems getting their bikes to the Dayton area
RENTAL BIKES WILL BE AVAILABLE !!
Our friends at Tipp Cyclery (whom you may remember as the donor of the "I Traveled the Farthest to the BMHA Ride" T-shirt) have informed us that a limited number of rental bikes will be available. For more info, check out their web site at www.tippcyclery.com, or send me an email and I'll put you in touch with them.
General Information
Once again the ride will start from the Municipal Park in Tipp City, Ohio. Tipp City is on Interstate 75, about 10 miles northeast of the Hamvention site at Hara Arena.
The ride will leave at 3:30 PM EDT. If you'd like to come up early for a snack or some socializing, we'll be there by about 2:00 PM. We'll be in the North parking lot (same as last year). Don't worry
about finding us, it's not as if you could hide a bunch of biker-hams in a park that size. The ride itself is normally an easy 27 miles with stops thrown in occasionally to keep everyone together, and slow enough for some meaningful conversation (or DXing).
Send me an email at otown@... if you have any ideas, or just to let me know your coming. (It's always nice to know how many people to plan for.) But there's no registration or anything formal
like that. Just show up!

Here are the directions:

First, go east to I-75. If you're in front of Hara, you'll notice that Wolf Rd. dead ends into Shiloh Springs Rd. (the main road that Hara is on) at the traffic light right in front. Take Wolf Rd. south

about a quarter-mile to the first intersection. This is Turner Rd.
Turn left (you can only turn left), and stay on this road until you
get to I-75 (about three miles).
NOTE: Turner Rd. changes into Shoup Mill Rd. when you cross Main St.
It then becomes Needmore Rd. when you cross the Stillwater River.
HOWEVER, all of these roads together are known as (and usually
marked) Wright Bros. Pkwy.
When you get to I-75 and Needmore go NORTH (left, across the bridge).
Look for the Tipp City exit (EXIT 68) in about 10 miles. Turn right
(east) at the top of the ramp. This is Main St. in Tipp City.
Take Main St. into "downtown" (about a mile). You will cross a
railroad track (Tipp Cyclery is on the right as you cross if you need
anything for your bike).
Turn left (north) at the second traffic light past the railroad.
This is THIRD ST.
Look for the park on the right after four or five blocks. You'll see
a civil-war era cannon on the left, in front of the American Legion.
The north parking lot entrance is about a block further north. We'll
be around the parking lot someplace. Talk-in is on 145.23 MHz (-).

See you there,
Jim Gumbert, NC8Y
otown@...

443. Mounting an HF antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-06-06 15:41:27 UTC
From: SpikE
Topic: 443 Message: 443

I'm thinking of mounting a 4' Outbacker to the Blackburn luggage rack on my hardtail mountain bike. I have a Hustler Quick Release (HOT) 3/8x24 mount. I was wondering if anybody knew if this would be sufficiently strong enough for this antenna and if the rack would be a good mounting point?

John
AB2KK

444. rsgb special offer join rsgb for £1.05 or $2 for a year

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-06 21:42:56 UTC
From: ian abel
Topic: 444 Message: 444

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445. Tour de France special event station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-07 14:02:11 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 445 Message: 445

We received the following message from Angel WA2VUY

Tour de France special-event station W1T

W1T (W 1 TourdeFrance) will be a special event station active on all bands during the Tour de France, 5 July through 27 July, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tour de France. Operators: WA2VUY, and K2MVW; QSL to WA2VUY. The QSL card will have a photograph of the 21 of the 22 living Tour champions taken October 24, 2002, in Paris, France, at a special reunion.

73, Angel WA2VUY

446. Re: [BMHA] Tour de France special event station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-08 00:25:30 UTC
From: Patrick Cook, KB0OXD
Topic: 445 Message: 446

Hi everyone:

Angel....Do you know if they'll be on any of the VoIP systems such as EchoLink, WIRES II or IRLP or do they not have that kind of capability?? If they are on either of these networks, what's the 411 on that so I can pass it along to the appropriate group?? :-)

Many thanks in advance. :-)

Cheers for now & 73 :-)

Patrick Cook, KB0OXD
KB0OXD CyberShack Webmaster
Owner - EchoLink Node 19905
Rocky Mountain eQSO Conference Server - milehigh.dns2go.com (Port 10024)
kb0oxd@...
kb0oxd@...
Denver, Colorado USA Grid Square - DM79
http://www.qsl.net/kb0oxd/
NEW WEBCAM PAGE - http://www.qsl.net/kb0oxd/webcam.html
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----- Original Message -----
From: slafetra
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2003 8:02 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Tour de France special event station

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447. Re: Tour de France special event station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-08 00:35:48 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 445 Message: 447

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411 on that so I can pass it along to the appropriate group?? :-)

Patrick:

You may wish to contact Angel directly at wa2vuy-at-mindspring.com.
I'm not sure if he reads this forum.

I posted the note that he sent to the BMHA website, but Angel didn't
say anything there that I didn't cross-post here.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

448. Re: Mounting an HF antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-09 00:17:13 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 443 Message: 448

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "SpikE" <john@a...> wrote:
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John - I recently found this list and am looking at equipping my Raleigh M60 (also a hardtail) for HF. Initially, using FT-817 and a modified MP-1 antenna (12" base rod and flexible whip from a 5/8 2M antenna instead of the telescoping whip). I have a mirror mount (Radio Shack, I believe) that I've mounted to one of the rear struts of my bike's rack. It seems to be solid enough, and gives a slight rearward tilt for the antenna.

I haven't had the chance yet to try riding with the antenna mounted - trying to move the antenna by hand suggests the mount itself is solid enough. I'd be more worried about vibration affecting the antenna. Give it a try!

73 Steve KS1G

449. Article: First Week 5MHz Operations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-10 02:20:05 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 449 Message: 449

==First Week of 5MHz Channel Operating in USA==

During the first week of 5MHz operation in the USA, we are already starting to see some trends in operation. The opening night and following day was marked by many stations making rapid contacts and cooperating together for an enjoyable operating experience. Operators wanted the chance to brag that they were on the air at the moment the 5MHz band opened up.

The novelty of the 5MHz channels has now settled down to a usable level for calling and QSOs. Most ops still are acting like they are on their first date, showing off their best operating habits, using short transmissions and IDs. They are treating the channels appropriately, observing the kind of brevity in operating procedures commonly used on a high-level VHF repeater or regional linked FM system. Hopefully, in the future, 5Mhz will continue to be an example of good operating techniques and behavior.
5MHz daytime NVIS propagation out to 250 miles is good, although summer noise limits the comfort level when working the 50W stations. Nights bring good DX and regional propogation, but lightning storms tend to make it harsh in some areas.

As expected, there are a few ops who are unfamiliar with the new technical requirements for transmitting, and may have briefly drifted off frequency, or dialed up the center-of-channel frequency instead of the dial frequency. Usually, someone responds by calling them on the channel, and reels them in on correct frequency in a good-natured way.

Here are some useful operating techniques for the 5MHz channels:

1. Put all the channels in your transceiver memory, including the USB mode. If possible, also include narrow TX bandwidth,and correct TX power level.
2. Before transmitting, select a channel, lock your VFO dial, and lock your microphone Up/Down and keypad.
3. Use your RIT or clarifier to tune other stations in, not your main TX dial.
4. Use a resonant antenna like a 5MHz dipole fed with coax cable if possible, so that auto-tuning or manual-tuning is not needed. Transmitting a carrier, especially zero-beat, is not allowed... only USB voice.
5. Before starting to transmit, listen on the channel for at least 3 minutes. If it is vacant, start by just saying your callsign. In many cases, it will not be necessary to call CQ. Just announcing your callsign (phonetically) and your location is usually enough to

start up a contact.
6. If you have a very high receive noise level at your QTH, be very cautious about transmitting because you may be interfering with a QSO that is already in progress between stations in quiet locations.
7. Peacefully co-exist with other stations talking in the background. Unlike other HF SSB bands, 5MHz is channelized and very limited. It is possible for there to be many QSOs going on simultaneously in different areas without much harmful interference.
8. ID more often. Once you establish contact, say your callsign and the callsign of station you are talking to at the beginning of your transmissions (without phonetics). This will help a lot when there are multiple stations simultaneously using the same channel.
9. Avoid ragchewing. Use short transmissions, drag your feet between overs, and give everyone a chance to use the channels. There are only 5 of them for everybody to share.
10. Before transmitting, check your transceiver's calibration by tuning WWV on 5000.000 kHz.

5MHz Channels Around the World?
Although 5MHz amateur channels are only in use in UK and USA as of July 2003, it is likely that other countries will establish 5MHz amateur services and may follow a similar pattern of channelization.

Radio operators tend to use a casual abbreviated and easily recognizable term for a channel. By using channel nick-names, the familiar information is conveyed rapidly and with clarity. This is why we often refer to 146.520MHz Simplex as "5-2", and a 146.760-MHz Repeater as "the 676 machine". We are hams... abbreviations and jargon are in our nature!

So it seems very normal that within the first few days of operation on the 5MHz channels, we started calling the 5MHz channels by their shortened dial frequencies, nick-names such as "346" or 403". In the absence of any official channel designator, hams just use what works. At any rate, this is catching on. The author has compiled a list of known amateur 5MHz USB channels. This is presented below with notes. The channel designator uses the shorthand significant dial frequency that has become common among West Coast operators. Most are avoiding calling them "Channel 1, Channel 2, etc", because ham radio is international, and everyone is optimistic that more channels will appear in the future.

5MHz USB amateur channel frequencies worldwide:

CHAN - FREQ - LOCATION - COMMENTS
167 = 5167.5 USB (Alaska only)[Emergency]
193 = 5193.5 USB (*German Beacon only)[+1500Hz]
258 = 5258.5 USB (UK only)[UK-FA]
278 = 5278.5 USB (UK only)[UK-FB]
288 = 5288.5 USB (UK only)[UK-FC]
330 = 5330.5 USB (USA only)

346 = 5346.5 USB (USA only)
366 = 5366.5 USB (USA only)
371 = 5371.5 USB (USA only)
398 = 5398.5 USB (UK only)[UK-FE]
403 = 5403.5 USB (USA/UK)[UK-FM]

Notes:
1. Above listed frequencies are "dial frequencies" as you see them on the radio in the Upper SideBand mode. The center-of-channel offset is already figured out for you.
2. Only USA and UK are known to have 5MHz channels in general use for the amateur radio service at this time.
3. Only USB voice 2.8kHz bandwidth is authorized in USA.
4. Voice, Digital, and CW modes in a 3kHz bandwidth are authorised in UK, and channels are often described by the centre-of-channel frequency or official "Foxtrot" designators.
5. USB is the defacto standard for voice in UK, although LSB is allowed.
6. UK maximum power is 200 Watts.
7. USA maximum radiated power is 50 Watts into a dipole.
8. UK operation requires an authorisation (NoV) for experiment.
9. USA operation is open to all HF licensees.
10. *A German amateur-affiliated propagation beacon test station DRA5 transmits current solar data on CW, FSK, and PSK31 with a center-of-channel frequency of 5195.0kHz. (channel 193 +1500Hz).

The level playing field that has been created by the USA 50W/dipole power limit makes the 5MHz channels perfect for portable, mobile, and emergency SSB operation.

HFpack, the HF Portable Group, is using channel 371 (5371.5 USB) as a calling frequency for portable operators. Already, many backpack portable, bicycle, mobile, and pedestrian operators, as well as affiliated base stations have been active on it. In addition to monitoring channel 371, HFpack conducts regular weekday and weekend skeds. HFpack gives priority to pedestrian, portable, and emergency stations. As this expands, it may be a viable alternative for backcountry communications in areas not served by VHF/UHF repeaters.

Channel 403 (5403.5 USB) is the only channel that is common to both the UK and USA. It may become the most useful DX channel.

5MHz channels lend themselves well to regional emergency preparedness operation. Some coordination in the future may be useful for state emergency nets, which will undoubtedly make good use of the unique qualities of propagation found in this part of the spectrum.

The author hopes that this article helps to orient new users of the 5MHz band, and to encourage good operating practices.

73--- Bonnie KQ6XA

450. good hams

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-10 17:37:15 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 450 Message: 450

Hi - My name is Johnny Shepherd Cortez, Colorado and I would like to invite all interested in joining the "good hams" yahoo group.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/goodhams/

This is a group to share stories about exceptional hams who have provided a "above the call" deed(s) to individuals (ham or non-ham), community, groups, or the ham community at large. Please no spam, no flames, no negatives. If any of these occur your post will be removed and you will be banned from the group! Enjoy reading and sharing and 73 Johnny KD5LWU

451. Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-11 01:12:55 UTC
From: jrsmith2@cableone.net
Topic: 451 Message: 451

Anybody have any ideas for a lightweight VHF antenna and mount for a road bike? I'm using a WX2NJ Jurassic Duck on my MTB, but I want something lighter for my road bike.

Thanks in advance,

Jack KE4LWT

452. Re: [BMHA] Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-11 11:22:11 UTC
From: Jim Hall
Topic: 451 Message: 452

Jack,
I run a base loaded 5/8 wave nmo mount back on the
rack. I stuck it on there thinking it wasn't going to
work at all but was curious to see just how bad it
would be and the thing was flat on most of the band.
Its an el cheapo mfj mag mount taken off the mag and
screwed on to the bike. I have used it on a few
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Its worth a try if you have one laying around.
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453. Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-11 13:58:21 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 451 Message: 453

: Anybody have any ideas for a lightweight VHF antenna and mount for a road
: bike? I'm using a WX2NJ Jurassic Duck on my MTB, but I want something
: lighter for my road bike.

Ever consider one of those "Hershey Kiss Mag-Mount" antennas? Gosh, they're tiny and light. Just figure out a 1" round piece of steel to slap it to and preferably it is over some more metal for a ground plane. Or maybe glue it to the bike and not use its magnetic properties but couple it to the frame. We are literally talking ounces here/

Thanks

.Pres Waterman.W2PW
GO BILLS!

454. Tour De France Special Event Station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-12 04:31:04 UTC
From: Pat Joseph
Topic: 454 Message: 454

Has anyone heard the Tour de France special event station on the air yet? I've been listening and haven't heard them yet. Just wondering if they've been on the air in the evening or during the day.

Pat

455. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 188

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-12 15:19:09 UTC
From: Darrell Sutton
Topic: 455 Message: 455

I have used the miny hersey style,2/440 short mag mount along with a RS 5/8
I mounted a steal plate at rear of rack.. the hershey style stayed inplace
great and the 2/440 did pretty good but the best RF wise was the hardest
to keep on board seems bouces on a bike are much harder on the magent
staying put..

I ride trail patrols for many walkathon in local park so trees on these
normally use foot paths also have snagged the 5/8 wave but it sure worked
good I could use min. power to save batt's..

good luck
73
Darrell
KF4HJW
----- Original Message -----
From: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2003 5:11 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 188

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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to
prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts
will be deleted.
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> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for
questions and/or suggestions.
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> There are 3 messages in this issue.
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> Topics in this digest:
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> 1. Re: Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting
> From: Jim Hall <wb4ofm@...>
> 2. Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting
> From: "Pres Waterman" <preswaterman@...>
> 3. Tour De France Special Event Station
> From: "Pat Joseph" <n0hpp@...>
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> Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 04:22:11 -0700 (PDT)
> From: Jim Hall <wb4ofm@...>
> Subject: Re: Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting
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> Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 04:31:04 -0000
> From: "Pat Joseph" <n0hpp@...>
> Subject: Tour De France Special Event Station
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456. First 5MHz Bike Mobile Contacts?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-14 01:56:43 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 456 Message: 456

Today, I made my first 5MHz Bike Mobile QSOs while riding along the bike path beside San Francisco Bay.
Between 0050z and 0120z on 14 July 2003 I made contact on 5MHz Channel 371 (5371.5kHz USB) with:
WB6MLC/PM (Ken, Pedestrian Mobile in Fremont CA)
W3FF (Budd, Portable in Redding CA)

I just sent out eQSLs to both of them, so it is possible these could be the first verified bike contacts on 5MHz.

Has anyone else made any 5MHz Bike Mobile contacts so far?

Bonnie KQ6XA

457. HFpack 5MHz Monitor, Skeds

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-17 20:55:23 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 457 Message: 457

HFpack, the HF Portable Group,
now uses Channel 371 (5371.5 USB) daily
for calling and has a sked every evening at
8:50PM Local Time in all USA time zones.

Everyone is welcome to participate.
5MHz is excellent for HF SSB Bike Mobile because
it is not crowded and everyone uses low power
and meager antennas. You have a good chance
of being heard.

HFpack calling frequencies:
5371.5 / 14342.5 / 18157.5 kHz USB.

For more info:

http://www.hfpack.com

Bonnie KQ6XA

458. Bike tour planning assistance requested

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-29 15:06:03 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 458 Message: 458

Attached is a letter that I received at BMHA-Webmaster@....

If any of your have suggestions that you would like to pass along, please contact Kim directly. If you have general-interest information, we'd love to get a copy for an upcoming BMHA newsletter.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA-Webmaster [mailto:BMHA-Webmaster@...]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2003 7:03 AM
To: idasap
Cc: Mike Nickolaus
Subject: RE: North American "Raise Your Voice" for the Children Bike Tour is asking for your interest

This is a good question, Kim.

Unfortunately, I/we don't have any specific suggestions other than to contact local bicycle clubs along the route (this seems a bit more oriented to mainstream bicycle clubs that need not be ham-radio-specific). Another idea would be to contact bicycle shops along the route.

I'm going to post this to the BMHA e-group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/) in case other ideas surface. I'm hoping that they will contact you directly.

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-----Original Message-----
From: idasap [mailto:idasap@...]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2003 7:55 AM
To: BMHA-Webmaster@...
Subject: North American "Raise Your Voice" for the Children Bike Tour is asking for your interest

Good Day Bicycle Mobile Hams of America :)

I am wondering if you could let me know who I should contact with reference to Sponsorships, Event Planning...and Mapping (routes to take)

I am going to be starting a North American Bike Tour...representing Voice for the Children, a National charity in the United States. Going throughout all the 50 states registering members and fund

raising...we will then cross into Canada, were I am from...and go through all major cities here. The main purpose is to create awareness and to sign on members into the various programs for the pro-active search and rescue efforts of our missing and abducted Children. Once I return into Canada...I will be founding the Canadian Voice for the Children charity, showing to both countries that we need to..and will be..working together.

I am hoping to begin this tour by the end of this year. I would love to discuss the possibilities with you soon.

All my best,

Kim Harrington
to reply, it would be best if you could respond to this email:
Kim.Harrington@...

note My 11 year old daughter Kayla will be with me one week out of every month I am on tour. This will be of interest to other children...and get them involved as well.

459. Re: Bike tour planning assistance requested

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-29 17:18:39 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 458 Message: 459

Kim, I might also suggest contacting Adventure Cycling. BMHA is an affiliate of Adventure Cycling. You can view their website at: www.adventurecycling.org

They do sell bicycle maps mostly for the USA but they may also have links to other sites that may supply maps and/or other advocacy groups.

Mike

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460. Need tips

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-29 15:08:05 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 460 Message: 460

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461. RE: [BMHA] Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-12 01:42:55 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 451 Message: 461

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Jack KE4LWT
-----Original Message-----
From: Pres Waterman [mailto:preswaterman@...]
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2003 8:58 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

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Thanks

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462. Re: [BMHA] Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-30 20:24:20 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 451 Message: 462

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To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
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463. RE: [BMHA] Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-30 22:48:00 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 451 Message: 463

Earl,

That'd be great! I took some of my WX2NJ Jurassic Duck on my MTB, and I really like the setup, too. Just want something lighter for my Fuji road bike.

73 de Jack KE4LWT
-----Original Message-----
From: S. Earl Jarosh [mailto:earljarosh@...]
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2003 3:24 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

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464. Re: [BMHA] Ideas for VHF antennas/mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-07-30 23:02:08 UTC
From: TEatonAZ
Topic: 451 Message: 464

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-01 21:12:03 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 451 Message: 465

Tim, Jack, and everyone else,

I will have the pictures posted this weekend. Hopefully sometime on Saturday. I have already made the folder in the files section.

Link to the antenna I am using
http://www.shakespeareproducts.com/antennas/specs/5215ant.htm

Hey Pres,

Where did your ebike pictures go?

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466. VHF Squatty Body on Fuji Bike pictures

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-02 09:53:06 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 466 Message: 466

Tim, Jack and everyone else,

Ok, the pictures have been posted in the files section. I have also included in the files section a lengthy description of the the installation on my bike. If you have any questions about it that I failed to answer, please feel free to send me an email.

Enjoy,

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467. RE: [BMHA] VHF Squatty Body on Fuji Bike pictures

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-02 12:41:24 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 466 Message: 467

Thanks! I'll have a look at them when I get back from my morning ride.

Jack KE4LWT
-----Original Message-----
From: S. Earl Jarosh [mailto:earljarosh@...]
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2003 4:53 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] VHF Squatty Body on Fuji Bike pictures

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468. Re: Need tips

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-04 18:25:52 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 460 Message: 468

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD" <k8swd@a...>
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Sounds very similar to the setup I'm slowly working on (I have this crazy idea about operating HF mobile during a metric century in a few weeks; however I need way more time and miles on the bike and should probably NOT carry the additional weight of the ham gear for that trip!)

Bike is a Raleight M60 "hardtail" style MTB with a conventional rear rack.

Antenna mounting - I picked up a mirror mount antenna mount (Radio Shack or lakeview - SO-239 and 3/8 x 24 thread) I've bolted to one of the rear stays of a bike rack. This gives the antenna slight rear slope.

Antenna - modified MP-1: Longer base rod home-made from aluminum rod, may use a whip from an old 5/8 2M antenna instead of the telescoping whip. The telescoping whip would be fine for stationary use, I'd be nervous of banging it while riding.

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Headset: Need to get one - for now, I think I will use the 817's mike, but this means NO mobile-in-motion. I *really* need to buy a Heil Traveler.

Hope these ideas help

73 Steve KS1G

469. Re: [BMHA] Re: Need tips

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-07 13:33:59 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 460 Message: 469

your ideas do help. Where do you carry the battery and what size do you carry?

MP1--yes--the tele whip is not good for mobile. I got one for about $10.00 at a CB shop about a foot longer than the tele, and fairly stiff. I have not yet made up a longer arm.

I am still trying to figure out how to attach metal to the rack to mount the antenna. I may have to ditcth the Topeak set up and get a hard mount rack and bag set up. The Topeak set up is nice as the rack clamps onto the seat post (really for my FS bike) and needs no other attachments, however, the mating cargo bag slides onto the rack using channels in the rack and mating surface on the bag bottom and a nifty latch in front--no straps. Going to a fixed rack will solve my grounding problems too, I believe.

I like the idea of the handlebar mount. I am still thinking. For now, I think I will simply stuff it in the handlebar bag.
Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
----- Original Message -----
From: "BrassRat77" <sgreene@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2003 14:25 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Need tips

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470. Re: [BMHA] Re: Need tips

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-11 14:09:11 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 460 Message: 470

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> trip!)

I recently spent several months off the bike due to moving, before taking a 6-day loaded tour with my kids...and I'm sure that my camping gear and such weighted more than a lightweight mobile rig and a couple of gel-cells. If you ride that much at all, you shouldn't have any trouble unless you live in a very hilly area. I know that I was hating life by the end of our first day (a full metric century in itself, with lots of hills and a late start that had us riding right through the middle of a Florida August afternoon), but by the 2nd and 3rd day, I was having no trouble keeping up with my teenagers - as long as we were on the bikes....off the bikes, I had trouble standing or walking a straight line LOL.

http://www.afn.org/~afn52662/disney/

471. to start sending emails

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-06 07:07:22 UTC
From: Rayyar4569@aol.com
Topic: 471 Message: 471

Greetings the Email said to send an email in order to start sending emails when I want Thanx Ray

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472. Bicycle Hams in NYC Area

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-28 16:33:20 UTC
From: Charles J. Hargrove
Topic: 472 Message: 472

I am looking to contact anyone who is in the NYC area for help in either participating in or training others in bike ham usage for event communications supporting the MS Bike Tour on September 14th.

We have only 2 hams in NYC ARES who are on bike and the event needs a few more to shadow the route marshalls in upper Manhattan, Bergen County, NJ and in Rockland County, NY.

473. batteries

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-29 16:18:45 UTC
From: Joel DEath
Topic: 473 Message: 473

has anyone considered using the batteries that are used to power
the "nitehawk" brand of bike lights? they are rechargeable, and
shaped like a water bottle so that they will fit into your existing
bottle holder.

i'm not sure what the voltage output is though...

cheers
joel
ve3jpd

474. Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-29 13:31:57 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 474 Message: 474

I gathered up all the components I thought necessary. I drew up a plan. It looked really good on paper--but my bumble bee wouldn't fly! I need a different rear rack!

My rear rack of choice was going to be a Topeak QR rack with integral QR pack I use for long off-road trips. I was going to use this on my road bike--a mint large frame vintage circa 1975 Sekine 10 speed which does not have frame bosses for a rack near the seat stem column (it does down near the axles). I only have about 3"--4" of seat stem sticking out of the frame. When I mount the rack on the seat stem, it is over a foot above the rear wheel. With the pack on the rack--I can't get my leg over the pack!!!! (Well, safely anyway). The bike has center pull brakes so I can't go below the seat post clamp to the frame tube. The system will work fine on my off-road bike, but I have no way to mount the radio up front and I don't want to ride my off-road bike on the road just to play radio--tires are $80.00 a set and I don't want to wear them out!

I looked at the Blackburn racks and am told they won't fit the older 27" wheel 10 speeds because they are designed to fit the new 27" tired bikes which do not really have 27" wheels, or if they do, the frames are now so different, that racks for 26" off-road bikes fit the road bikes--or something like that. Anyone know a source for racks to fit old fashioned 10 speeds?

Maybe I should simply get a rolling couch like Bonnie has and my problems should be solved--but a "heads-up TV display" would be cool on the windshield! I also heard Bike E has closed its doors :-(
Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD

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475. Re: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-30 13:30:30 UTC
From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 474 Message: 475

be like me and think of getting a new bike.

The hardware and weight reasons are worth it.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD" <k8swd@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>; "hfpack" <hfpack@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2003 9:31 AM
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Date: 2003-08-30 14:45:20 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 474 Message: 476

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477. PTT/Ear bud/Throat mic for VX-5R?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-08-31 21:23:53 UTC
From: Hans K0HB
Topic: 477 Message: 477

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478. (no subject)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-01 15:59:15 UTC
From: Hans K0HB
Topic: 478 Message: 478

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479. Re: [BMHA]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-02 09:19:18 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 479 Message: 479

I know that for $24.95 you can get a helmet-mounted boom mic w/ earbud from
Radio Shack.

Quoting Hans K0HB <k0hb@...>:

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480. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Hams in NYC Area

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-02 12:33:26 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 472 Message: 480

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From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 474 Message: 481

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From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 474 Message: 482

I only have ridden the Cannondale--don't know what it was--but it was full suspension recumbent. I liked it alot and almost bought it. I did not look at rack provisions. It did have an ample seat back however, and it looked like a substantial pack could fit there. Definitely more study is in order after deer season, during the doldrums of winter!

One thing I did notice about recumbent riding however--I did not feel I was very aware of my surroundings like I am on my upright off-road or road bikes. I may go with one of the "hybrid" type of road bike that looks like a mountain bike with road tires and gearing. Plenty of rack options for them. My wife bought a Cannondale Warrior 500 Friday and it has lots of bosses on it for mounts--even on the forks.
Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
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483. Re: Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-03 03:48:05 UTC
From: Bruce Thompson
Topic: 474 Message: 483

Hi Rudy,

You might ask a bike shop to see if they have a single brake mount for a rack. This is basically an "L" bracket that will fit in the bolt on the center pull brakes between the frame and the brake assembly. The bracket comes out of the top of the brake attachment bolt and then immediately is bent backwards where it is bolted onto the rack. I've seen this done before and it can work very well. You will probably have to get a longer bolt to hold on your brake assembly but it does work. Good luck.

I think I agree with a previous post that it will be easier to get a bike to fit the rack than a rack to fit your bike!

I just have to make a comment about bike "fit". Many pain problems can be traced to a bike that is not fit properly. I'm terribly difficult to fit on a bike. Because of lower back problems, I don't bend at the waist like everyone else, but a bit higher up on the back. This makes the top tube length very critical and difficult to get right. I ended up getting one of those Look adjustable handlebar stems to I could move the bars back about as far as they would go. Once that was done, a lot of the pain problem went away.

I have a great friend that owns a high-end bike shop that does custom fits for the local racers. He spends many hours on a "fit kit" with a person to get everything just right. Then they send the measurements off to the factory where they make a frame to exactly match that person's unique needs. My wife who is a triathlete (not me!) got one done this way from him and she can ride for hours in comfort without any problems. (Warning: Not cheap!) Getting someone who can really understand how to fit a bike is difficult. Many bike shops are not really equipped to do it right and can't really afford the inventory necessary for all the different sizes necessary. (I know, I worked in one once and they just tried to get it close enough!)

As for recumbent, well, I've ridden a lot of them and they are nice on the rear end but are hell on hills. Here in Colorado where one "hill" can be 18 miles long, I have yet to see a recumbent. They are nice, however, on the flats when the wind is whipping up.

Good luck!

73,

Bruce KG0SH
Golden, Colorado

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

484. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Hams in NYC Area

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-02 14:55:12 UTC
From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 472 Message: 484

I love to meet any bicycle hams in the South Shore
area of Eastern MA, ie Abington, Brockton, Whitman,
Rockland, Hanson, etc.

----- Original Message -----
From: "charles hingston" <cehingston@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2003 8:33 AM
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From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 485 Message: 485

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From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 474 Message: 486

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487. Re: [BMHA]

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-03 11:05:38 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 487 Message: 487

Should have known that yaesu's had to be different from almost everyone else :(

Quoting "William H. O'Hara III" <celtlord@...>:

> I don't think the plugs fit Yaesu's. They might work
> with Icom's or Alinco's. Hamradio Outlet has a whole
> bunch of mikes for his application such as throat mikes
> with independent PTT Switches.
>
> Bill
> KB1IUB
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Gene Floyd" <gfloyd7@...>
> To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2003 5:19 AM
> Subject: Re: [BMHA]
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> > I know that for $24.95 you can get a helmet-mounted boom mic w/ earbud
> from
> > Radio Shack.
> >
> > Quoting Hans K0HB <k0hb@...>:
> >
> > > Recently took up recreational bicycling as a means of exercise and
> > > relaxation. My bike is a Marin "Redwoods" model.
> > >
> > > One of my other hobbies is ham radio, and I carry a Yaesu VX-5R HT on
> my
> > > belt for "company" and possible means of summoning help (I ride on some
> > > rather isolated rural trails sometimes). I'm looking for a plug-in
> > > lightweight headset (preferably earbud and throat mike) with a PTT
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> > > which I could situate on the handlebars.
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-03 11:07:50 UTC
From: Gene Floyd
Topic: 474 Message: 488

I just put a trek 520 on layaway....you might look into that if you take long loaded trips.

Quoting Bruce Thompson <brucet@...>:

> Hi Rudy,
>
> You might ask a bike shop to see if they have a single brake mount for a
> rack. This is basically an "L" bracket that will fit in the bolt on the
> center pull brakes between the frame and the brake assembly. The
> bracket comes out of the top of the brake attachment bolt and then
> immediately is bent backwards where it is bolted onto the rack. I've
> seen this done before and it can work very well. You will probably have
> to get a longer bolt to hold on your brake assembly but it does work.
> Good luck.
>
> I think I agree with a previous post that it will be easier to get a
> bike to fit the rack than a rack to fit your bike!
>
> I just have to make a comment about bike "fit". Many pain problems can
> be traced to a bike that is not fit properly. I'm terribly difficult to
> fit on a bike. Because of lower back problems, I don't bend at the
> waist like everyone else, but a bit higher up on the back. This makes
> the top tube length very critical and difficult to get right. I ended
> up getting one of those Look adjustable handlebar stems to I could move
> the bars back about as far as they would go. Once that was done, a lot
> of the pain problem went away.
>
> I have a great friend that owns a high-end bike shop that does custom
> fits for the local racers. He spends many hours on a "fit kit" with a
> person to get everything just right. Then they send the measurements
> off to the factory where they make a frame to exactly match that
> person's unique needs. My wife who is a triathlete (not me!) got one
> done this way from him and she can ride for hours in comfort without any
> problems. (Warning: Not cheap!) Getting someone who can really
> understand how to fit a bike is difficult. Many bike shops are not
> really equipped to do it right and can't really afford the inventory
> necessary for all the different sizes necessary. (I know, I worked in
> one once and they just tried to get it close enough!)
>
> As for recumbent, well, I've ridden a lot of them and they are nice on
> the rear end but are hell on hills. Here in Colorado where one "hill"
> can be 18 miles long, I have yet to see a recumbent. They are nice,
> however, on the flats when the wind is whipping up.
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> Good luck!
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Date: 2003-09-03 13:30:31 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 474 Message: 489

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490. Speaker/mic suggestion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-03 23:47:41 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 479 Message: 490

The local (Tupelo) police department use this unit...
http://www.pryme.com/SPM-400a%20flyer.pdf Thought about getting one myself,
but for now I'm still using my old RatShak vox/ptt unit in ptt mode only
with the HT of the week on my Camelbak...

Jack KE4LWT

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491. Re: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-04 01:56:44 UTC
From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 474 Message: 491

okay.

I can't believe how many dealers are actually around me.
These are just the ones that I went to... There are lot more.

1) Motobecane (I duno. price seems good.. needs to order size for me)
2) Trek/Fuji
3) Trek/Specialized/Allez/Airborne
4) Trek/Specalized/Cannondale

The Trek 1200 feels like an insult. The cannondale's
lowest model, R600 has nice welds. The 1200 just has
a quick weld and paint over it. For the money you would
think that you get something nicer.

Can anyone get the Trek 1200 for $750?
Or a Cannondale R600 for $1150?

Bill

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492. Re: [BMHA] Re: Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-03 13:21:44 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 474 Message: 492

Thanks for that tip Bruce. The problem I am having is that I can't find rear brackets that clear the tire. All I can find are for the smaller mtb's.
Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-04 01:56:44 UTC
From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 474 Message: 493

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-04 19:35:38 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 474 Message: 494

Are those recumbent? I think the Cannondale is the better of the two--and without looking them up, the Cannondale is probably loaded with somewhat better components. Aren't those Cannondale welds awesome! They even impressed a friend of mine who is a pro welder specializing in SS and aluminum (he can do a bit better--but not much!). On the other hand--which one rides better for you? The price difference is a nice radio.
Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
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495. Re: Speaker/mic suggestion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-05 00:13:39 UTC
From: Kevin Bersch
Topic: 479 Message: 495

I use the pryme SPM400 with my Yeasu FT 530. Works really well. I hae been told the wind noise is does not drown me out. I put the mike boom under my helmet strap so it stays next to my cheek. I think there would be less wind noise if I could find a foam ball to put over the mic. I recommend this headset. It works for me! And you can get a remote PTT that will velcro to your handle bars. I bought my headset and PTT through HRO.

Kevin KE7VIN

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jack Smith" <jrsmith2@c...> wrote:
> The local (Tupelo) police department use this unit...
> http://www.pryme.com/SPM-400a%20flyer.pdf Thought about getting one myself,
> but for now I'm still using my old RatShak vox/ptt unit in ptt mode only
> with the HT of the week on my Camelbak...
>
> Jack KE4LWT
>
>
> [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

496. Re: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-05 01:54:13 UTC
From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 474 Message: 496

it all seems the same to me.

I would rather spend less but I don't save money
in the long run. Hopefully the drivetrain
components will last. I don't want to get Sora or
the level below sora. Some of the rating on
roadbikereview.com seem to suggest short life
spans.

I would like to get a triple as well.

Is the cannondale frame going to last
longer than the Trek? Does cannondale
really stick by their warranty? Is that
a concern?

The cannondale is starting at much higher
price than the treks, but you think TREK
could do a better job of welding.

I kind of liked the idea of the shimano
flightdeck. The guy said it was 80$
whereas a simple computer was $30.
It seemed foolish to me to buy the simple
computer and later want to buy the flightdeck.
The same thing applies to the bike frame
and other components.

Bill kb1iub

----- Original Message -----
From: "Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD" <k8swd@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2003 3:35 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!

> Are those recumbent? I think the Cannondale is the better of the two--and
> without looking them up, the Cannondale is probably loaded with somewhat
> better components. Aren't those Cannondale welds awesome! They even
> impressed a friend of mine who is a pro welder specializing in SS and
> aluminum (he can do a bit better--but not much!). On the other
hand--which
> one rides better for you? The price difference is a nice radio.
> Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "William H. O'Hara III" <celtlord@...>
> To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2003 21:56 PM
> Subject: Re: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!
>
>
> > okay.
> >
> > I can't believe how many dealers are actually around me.
> > These are just the ones that I went to... There are lot more.
> >
> > 1) Motobecane (I duno. price seems good.. needs to order size for
me)
> > 2) Trek/Fuji
> > 3) Trek/Specialized/Allez/Airborne
> > 4) Trek/Specalized/Cannondale
> >
> > The Trek 1200 feels like an insult. The cannondale's
> > lowest model, R600 has nice welds. The 1200 just has
> > a quick weld and paint over it. For the money you would
> > think that you get something nicer.
> >
> > Can anyone get the Trek 1200 for $750?
> > Or a Cannondale R600 for $1150?
> >
> > Bill
> >
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: "Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD" <k8swd@...>
> > To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> > Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2003 9:30 AM
> > Subject: Re: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!
> >
> >
> > > I too am going to give the Trek and Gary Fishers a good look along
with
> > > Cannondale. I was going to even consider Schwin--but the dealers in
> > > Kalamazoo closed up. Actually, 3 main dealers in the area now, but
the
> > > Specialized on is not convenient to get to and I just was never
> impressed
> > > with the bikes. The Trek dealer is near a mall and the Cannondale
> dealer
> > is
> > > right on US131 but I can ride all country roads to him. However, I
have
> > > heard rumors he may be closing shop too in the near future--just
> burnout.
> > > If so, I am sure the Trek dealer would snatch up Cannondale. The one
> > thing
> > > I sure liked on my wife's new bike (Cannondale Warrior 500) was that
it

> > has
> > > lots of bosses--even on the forks.
> > >
> > > I still may put a small package together using the Topeak pack I have
> and
> > > just play around the area with it on my off road bike--the tires are
> close
> > > to replacement age. The Topeak will handle 20 lbs--so I would be
pretty
> > > close if I skip a tuner, go resonant with MP1 and use a 7AH battery,
> FT817
> > > and HL50B.
> > > Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
> > > ----- Original Message -----
> > > From: "William H. O'Hara III" <celtlord@...>
> > > To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> > > Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2003 23:34 PM
> > > Subject: Re: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!
> > >
> > >
> > > > I have looked at the TREK series at the lower level.
> > > >
> > > > The Trek 1200 is a triple and doesn't look too bad.
> > > > I think that 105 components are better. I've seen
> > > > Cannondales for 1000$ with 105 and ultegra. The 1200T
> > > > from Trek was going to be about $750.
> > > >
> > > > I'm still deciding on price range. I think that the Trek
> > > > has more models with the bosses for racks. I don't
> > > > think that many of the cannondales do.
> > > >
> > > > I'm primarly considering cannondale, Fuji, trek. I
> > > > went to an airborne dealer, but he had nothing in stock
> > > > from airborne!
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > > Yup--that's what I am beginning the reasearch on! I am not sure I
> > will
> > > be
> > > > > going with a recumbent however.
> > > > > Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
> > > > > ----- Original Message -----
> > > > > From: "William H. O'Hara III" <celtlord@...>
> > > > > To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> > > > > Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2003 9:30 AM
> > > > > Subject: Re: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!
> > > > >
> > > > >
> > > > > > be like me and think of getting a new bike.
> > > > > >

> > > > > > The hardware and weight reasons are worth it.
> > > > > >
> > > > > > ----- Original Message -----
> > > > > > From: "Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD" <k8swd@...>
> > > > > > To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>; "hfpack" <hfpack@yahoogroups.com>
> > > > > > Sent: Friday, August 29, 2003 9:31 AM
> > > > > > Subject: [BMHA] Looked good on paper!
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > I gathered up all the components I thought necessary. I drew
up
> a
> > > > plan.
> > > > > > > > It looked really good on paper--but my bumble bee wouldn't fly!
I
> > > need
> > > > > a
> > > > > > > > different rear rack!
> > > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > My rear rack of choice was going to be a Topeak QR rack with
> > > integral
> > > > > QR
> > > > > > > > pack I use for long off-road trips. I was going to use this on
my
> > > road
> > > > > > > > bike--a mint large frame vintage circa 1975 Sekine 10 speed
which
> > does
> > > > > not
> > > > > > > > have frame bosses for a rack near the seat stem column (it does
> down
> > > > near
> > > > > > > > the axles). I only have about 3"--4" of seat stem sticking out
of
> > the
> > > > > > > > frame. When I mount the rack on the seat stem, it is over a
foot
> > > above
> > > > > > > > the
> > > > > > > > rear wheel. With the pack on the rack--I can't get my leg over
> the
> > > > > > > > pack!!!!
> > > > > > > > (Well, safely anyway). The bike has center pull brakes so I
can't
> > go
> > > > > > > > below
> > > > > > > > the seat post clamp to the frame tube. The system will work
fine
> on
> > > my

> > > > > > off-road bike, but I have no way to mount the radio up front and
I
> > > don't
> > > > > > want to ride my off-road bike on the road just to play
> radio--tires
> > > are
> > > > > > $80.00 a set and I don't want to wear them out!
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > I looked at the Blackburn racks and am told they won't fit the
> > older
> > > > 27"
> > > > > > wheel 10 speeds because they are designed to fit the new 27"
tired
> > > bikes
> > > > > > which do not really have 27" wheels, or if they do, the frames
are
> > now
> > > > so
> > > > > > different, that racks for 26" off-road bikes fit the road
> bikes--or
> > > > > > something like that. Anyone know a source for racks to fit old
> > > > fashioned
> > > > > 10
> > > > > > speeds?
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > Maybe I should simply get a rolling couch like Bonnie has and
my
> > > > problems
> > > > > > should be solved--but a "heads-up TV display" would be cool on
the
> > > > > > windshield! I also heard Bike E has closed its doors :-(
> > > > > > > Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
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> > > > > > > [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]
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497. Re: Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-05 06:05:47 UTC
From: Bruce Thompson
Topic: 474 Message: 497

From: "Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD" <k8swd@...>

Thanks for that tip Bruce. The problem I am having is that I can't find rear brackets that clear the tire. All I can find are for the smaller mtb's. Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD

Interesting. Maybe I don't know what you mean then. I can't believe there isn't a rack that would fit your bike. Have you looked at this one? A bit pricey but.

http://www.adventurecycling.org/cgi-shl/webc.exe/advsales/st_prod.html?p_prodid=66&p_catid=46&sid=4r1ESN1f

73,
Bruce

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

498. Bikes

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-05 20:27:38 UTC
From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 498 Message: 498

I'm not looking at any recumbents.
The price difference is more than one radio
for several of the bikes that I'm looking at.
It's very frustrating. Each dealer is like a
used car salesman and they want to know
how much you can pay a month.

The cannondale seems like the better price
with a beefy bottom bracket and crank with
ultegra components. However, I don't
get to test ride these things outside the parking
lots and I don't have solid experience on these
things. I felt like giving up after going to a dealer,
yesterday.

They'll all drop their prices by $100 to $200 minimum
too, if you know how to talk to them.

bill
kb1iub

499. Re: Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-06 13:59:45 UTC
From: Tim
Topic: 474 Message: 499

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "William H. O'Hara III" <celtlord@a...>
wrote:
>
> Is the cannondale frame going to last
> longer than the Trek? Does cannondale
> really stick by their warranty? Is that
> a concern?
>
> The cannondale is starting at much higher
> price than the treks, but you think TREK
> could do a better job of welding.

Hi Bill - I own a 14-year-old Cannondale touring bike, have done over 10,000 miles of loaded touring and countless miles of road riding on it, and have NEVER had a problem. And I'm no lightweight! A friend of mine who owns a bike shop in WA checked my frame on his alignment jig; it's good as new. I personally know guys who have sent in 10-year-old broken frames to Cannondale; they honored the warranty, and quickly.
Needless to say, I highly recommend Cannondale.
Their bigger frames make a good ground plane for rack-mount antennas too:)
73
Tim PJ2/NW7TP

500. Re: [BMHA] Re: Looked good on paper!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-07 14:50:29 UTC
From: William H. O'Hara III
Topic: 474 Message: 500

yah
I really think the cannondale is better.

I was looking at the crank reviews. Limited
amount of reviews compared to dura ace
reviews but they all suggest that cannondale
stock crank is better.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tim" <tpalange@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2003 2:59 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Looked good on paper!

> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "William H. O'Hara III" <celtlord@a...>
> wrote:
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501. Re: [BMHA] Bikes

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-08 23:09:55 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 498 Message: 501

Dealer won't let you ride it anywhere? When I test road the Cannondale recumbent, I was told not to go off the pavement onto the dirt so dealer would not have to clean tires--I took off for about 10 minutes down the road, around the corner and out of site. Of course, my wife and car were still at the dealer's, but my wife was testing a bike too. You can't tell anything by going around in circles in a parking lot--at least bounce if off some curbs and hit some bumps!
Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
----- Original Message -----
From: "William H. O'Hara III" <celtlord@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2003 4:27 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Bikes

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502. HF Echolink Base 5371.5kHz/18157.5kHz USB

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-15 07:40:55 UTC
From: ian abel
Topic: 502 Message: 502

do you operate hf from your bike?

HF Echolink Base 5371.5kHz/18157.5kHz USB

I've been running my KQ6XA-L HF Echolink station for the past week, and it has been used by about 200 operators.

I change the frequency between two HF frequencies manually:
18157.5kHz USB Day. (HFpack international calling freq)
5371.5kHz USB Night. (HFpack USA calling freq)

The station is receiving HF and sending the RX audio through Echolink all the time when there is no control operator.

Whenever the control operator is physically present at the transmitter, Echolink users are allowed to transmit (after text messaging or talking with them off the air). In a way this is very similar to running a phone patch, but it usually takes a little less PTT attention.

By adjustment of the RF gain, DSP, and Echolink VOX control, a reasonably good Transmit-Receive function is almost hands-free. It still takes a little work to keep things running smoothly. My next upgrade is a syllabic voice squelch. Yesterday, I listened to an Icom IC-746pro which has a built-in Voice Squelch, and I believe this would be a good HF rig for the application if someone wants a trouble-free setup.

Since my Echolink HF Base has been on the air, 5 other operators around the USA have set up their own similar systems, with "receive-only" on the same frequencies.

Tonight I utilized the WJ4P-L receiver on 5371.5kHz in South Carolina to assist me in hearing a low power portable station in the midwest. The station was barely audible below the noise here in California, but perfect Q-5 through the "remote-receiver".

The potential for using remote receivers through Echolink really expands the possibilities for HF communications, especially during the lower part of the solar cycle.

HFpack, the HF Portable Group, has a growing number of Echolink remote receivers going on line now. We hope to cover a wide area on the two main HFpack calling frequencies. We often have a situation where low power portables are difficult to copy, but the base stations can be heard just fine. So a network of Echolink remote receivers is a good solution for us.

Bonnie KQ6XA

73 Ian G3ZHI

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi - has many ham radio links

I usually monitor G4NJI node 5200 simplex 145.2875mhz

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Mobile 0776 481 3363

503. Bicycle Mobile, Kuwait!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-16 22:31:42 UTC
From: Phil Milazzo
Topic: 503 Message: 503

I'm taking my bicycle and some radios with me for a
year of work in Kuwait.

Army MARS wants me to establish a station where I'm
working, too.

Internet access is supposed to be good, so I should be
able to stay in touch, even if there are severe
antenna restrictions.

73 de KC6OEI
http://www.geocities.com/philip_milazzo/kuwait

=====
Phil Milazzo
North Fulton Bicycle User Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NFBUG

Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! SiteBuilder - Free, easy-to-use web site design software
http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com

504. BMHA member list updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-25 14:26:37 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 504 Message: 504

After much delay, I've updated the online BMHA roster on the Bicycle Mobile Hams website. So new BMHA members are now listed.

http://www.lafetra.com/bmha/Content/membership.asp

As always, this is a database lookup so it should be 'unharvestable' by automated email-finders, and for privacy reasons doesn't identify street addresses nor telephone numbers.

505. Re: [BMHA] BMHA member list updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-25 15:07:34 UTC
From: phillip michaelis
Topic: 504 Message: 505

I do not see my name on the list?
KC2GFV, Thanks Phil
--- slafetra <Skip@...> wrote:
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> roster on the Bicycle
> Mobile Hams website. So new BMHA members are now
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Do you Yahoo!?
The New Yahoo! Shopping - with improved product search
http://shopping.yahoo.com

506. Re: BMHA member list updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-09-26 04:41:24 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 504 Message: 506

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, phillip michaelis <pkmichaelis@y...>
wrote:
> I do not see my name on the list?
> KC2GFV, Thanks Phil

Phil:

Do we have your current address? If you look under Texas, you'll
find yourself.

The record shows last update in June 2002 (this is when it was keyed
into the database, and may be considerably after you sent a renewal
to the Treasurer). Have you moved since then?

507. RAGBRAI 2004

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-10-28 17:30:40 UTC
From: Les_Wit
Topic: 507 Message: 507

Does anyone have information about next summer's RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa)?

I'm interested in participating and operating bicycle mobile during the week.

Thanks,

Dennis W5KQF

508. Re: RAGBRAI 2004

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-10-29 17:05:07 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 507 Message: 508

The official website for RAGBRAI is www.ragbrai.org. RAGBRAI is always the last full week in July. There is a group of Ham's that ride each year and their team is 'Team Megacycles'. I have ridden with them for many years and may do so next year. Drop me an email after the first of the year and I can put you in touch with this group. They always are looking for Hams' that want to ride.

Mike, NF0N

p.s. the ride is great, you will love it.

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509. Re: [BMHA] RAGBRAI 2004

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-10-29 21:10:41 UTC
From: Brian Vanderheyden
Topic: 507 Message: 509

Dennis,

Information is available at

http://www.ragbrai.org

Always the last full week in July. Rider tags
available by lottery from the Register. All
information is on the website. Are you planning to go
solo, or with a group?

I have been on RAGBRAI 8 times. Great bike ride. Took
the radio with me one year and met up with the fellow
BMHA'ers on Saturday. Worked some simplex and
repeaters using my FT-530 with a flag pole 300 ohm
twin-lead J Pole antenna.

I would like to go on the 2004 event with my bike club
from St. Louis. Maybe we'll see you there!

Brian
W0BEV

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information about next summer's RAGBRAI (Register's
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510. Need info on buying a recumbent & setting up for HF/VHF mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-11-04 02:53:04 UTC
From: jimsharp55
Topic: 510 Message: 510

Looking for info & or links to purchase a suitable recumbent for long distance travel with HF/VHF setup. Pictures would be appreciated. I already have a FT-817 & LDG Z-11 and a light/small Dell Inspiron 2100 laptop.

511. Invitation to join Bike Colorado group

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-11-22 13:16:06 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 511 Message: 511

Please come and join our bicycling group

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bikecolorado

http://hamcams.servepics.com/cycling.html

http://hamcams.servepics.com/

73 Johnny KD5LWU Cortez, Colorado

512. Titanium Bike as Counterpoise?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-11-25 13:13:47 UTC
From: Gary
Topic: 512 Message: 512

I've started dreaming of getting a two-wheeled recumbent to complement my quadracycle for HF operation.

In researching different materials that are used for bike frames, I was surprised to see that titanium has only 3.8% of the conductivity of copper (aluminum as 63% of copper's conductivity).

This 3.8% would appear to make titanium a poor choice for bike mobile HF operations, but that is for its pure elemental form. I wonder if anyone has used a titanium bike as a HF counterpoise or knows what the conductability of the titanium allows used for bicycles.

Gary N9MJZ
("Quadracycle Mobile)

513. HF Bike Mobiles 18157.5 / 5371.5 kHz USB

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-11-28 08:39:19 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 513 Message: 513

HF SSB Bike Mobile operation is becoming more popular lately. There is an increasing number of Bike Mobiles on the HFpack calling frequencies, and more of them are running 50W or 100W while experimenting with new types of efficient antennas. On some weekends it is now possible to QSO with several /BM operators at the same time around the country. If you have an HF rig on your bike, you might want to join the fun on Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays.
18157.5kHz USB at 1630UTC and 2230UTC
5371.5kHz USB at 0145UTC (or at your local sunset time)

Bonnie KQ6XA/BM

514. Re: Titanium Bike as Counterpoise?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-11-28 08:51:13 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 512 Message: 514

><Gary N9MJZ wrote><
> I wonder if anyone has used a
> titanium bike as a HF counterpoise or knows what
> the conductability of the titanium
> allows used for bicycles.

True, titanium is not as good as some other metals for electrical conductivity.
But I doubt if the difference will be noticed in your HF signal. You can always improve the counterpoise situation on a composite or titanium frame by adding a insulated stranded wire or tinned copper braid that is connected to extreme points on the frame (handlebars, axles, brake levers, etc). The bonding wire can be clamped and held in place with various types of bike hardware. This may even be a good idea for more conductive bike frames on HF.

Bonnie KQ6XA

515. Christmas CW activity...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-12-08 14:59:46 UTC
From: Petr Ourednik
Topic: 515 Message: 515

Dears,

Let me introduce all CW lovers with nice chance to meet other friends
on the bands using CW art during the Christmas event...

C h r i s t m a s C.W. P a r a d e

Sponsored by : Petr Ourednik, OK1RP

Date : 26.12.2003

Calling title : CQ XMAS
It is not real contest, but Christmas
telegraphy activity
day only !
Not to be allowed to use "test" in CQ calling.

Time : 00:00-24:00 UTC

Mode : CW only !
Pupm keys and all the paddles allowed only.
Strictly avoid to use any PC, keyboards,
decoders, K1EA, N6TR for CW generating etc.

Bands : All HF and VHF/UHF bands are encouraged.

QSOs : Between all licensed operators in the world.

Categories : No categories.

Band changing : Unlimited

Exchange code : Standard QSO contents exchange.
Not to be allowed to exchanging contest
reports only as the
contest or pile-up etc. !
Contacts should be made during normal
operating and not
as a results of pre-arranged schedules.
Christmas greetings are welcomed.

Power : Unlimited

Antennas : Unlimited

Points : Each 2-way contact counts one point.
It is only one time per day allowed to work
each station,
not depending to band used.

Multipliers : No multipliers.

Results : Simply points summary for QSOs.

DX-cluster : Not allowed !

Logs : Total points summary for QSOs and type
of used telegraphy key (paddle), all has to be
sent as gentlemen repport to: ok1rp@...
email address only.
No later than 15th January 2002 !
No any paper log or floppies etc.

Prices : Original brand new Czech Army fully functional
pump key
with engraved winner's callsign as a Christmas
C.W. Trophy for the best score in the world is
prepared now!

516. recumbant

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-12-19 17:42:08 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 516 Message: 516

I am looking to trade my Yaesu FT 900 rig for a recumbant. Anyone on the list interested? thanks Johnny KD5LWU Cortez CO

517. Re: recumbant trade

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-12-31 15:10:38 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 516 Message: 517

Okay have traded for a Rans Rocket any comments on this bike? Any
comments on installing a rig on this bike? 73 KD5LWU Johnny Cortez, CO

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Johnny Shepherd" <kd5lwu@c...> wrote:
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518. Re: recumbant trade

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2003-12-31 15:06:18 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 516 Message: 518

Okay have traded for a Rans Rocket and am looking forward to setting up my mobile ham station. Any suggestions is welcomed. 73 Johnny

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Johnny Shepherd" <kd5lwu@c...> wrote:
> I am looking to trade my Yaesu FT 900 rig for a recumbant. Anyone on
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519. Bike Mobile Safety Suggestion List

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-01-05 01:36:37 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 519 Message: 519

Here are some suggestions for Bike Mobile safety... try adding a few of your own to the list!

1. Wear a helmet and other protective gear.
2. Radio gear/ batteries should not unbalance the bike.
3. Riding safety is Primary. Radio operation is secondary.
4. Use a single side "open" style headset/microphone.
5. Use a handlebar thumb PTT.
6. Add streaming reflective orange flagging tape to antenna tip.
7. Wear gloves (fingerless).
8. Use your rear view mirror constantly.
9. Radio gear secured in case of a spill.
10. Stretch your muscles before riding.
11. Try to ride in areas away from cars and trucks.
12. Radio wires and cables shouldn't interfere with bike.
13. Antenna and mount should be very secure.
14. Use a "break away" connector on headset cord.
15. Radio operation should not distract rider.
16. Practice on a vacant road or sidewalk before riding in traffic.
17. Don't try to adjust rig or antenna while in motion.
18. Don't unbalance the handlebar steering with gear weight.
19. Radio cables (headset cord) should not be able to get in the spokes if they break loose.
20. Carry a first aid kit.
21. Use channel memories instead of tuning your VFO.
22. Avoid riding on gravel.
23. Know your own limits.
24. When in doubt, walk your bike or get off the road.
25. Use hand signals.
26. Assume that every car wants to kill you.

Bonnie KQ6XA

520. RE: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Safety Suggestion List

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-01-05 02:26:22 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 519 Message: 520

Bonnie,

I think that #26 should also be #1. Especially if you're unfortunate enough to live in a state that has no paved shoulders!!! Here in MS where I'm currently stationed, the painted white line marks not only the right limit of the lane, but also the right margin of the pavement!!!!

73 de KE4LWT Jack
EM53tl
ARRL and Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

-----Original Message-----
From: KQ6XA [mailto:xtalradio@...]
Sent: Sunday, January 04, 2004 7:37 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Safety Suggestion List

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521. FT-90R vs. FT-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-01-06 06:24:24 UTC
From: pksheerin
Topic: 521 Message: 521

I'm considering buying a used FT-90R to mount on my bike, but am starting to consider an FT-817 instead. I'm interested in finding out how rugged the 817 is, since it would have to be mounted on the handlebars of my mountain bike. Is this a wise thing? How have people mounted it?

522. FT-817 mounting/shock protection (Re: FT-90R vs. FT-817?)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-01-06 19:32:25 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 521 Message: 522

I have an FT-817 mounted on the handlebars of my bent BikeE (model AT). I put a layer of closed-cell foam between the radio and the mount, for a little bit of shock mounting. The rig has been stable and dependable for 2 years of HF/VHF/UHF operation. I don't ride off pavement with it though.

If you ride a straight mountain bike off-road, I personally would suggest that you mount the radio in a bag suspended on the frame or in a pannier bag. The weight of the radio on the handlebars may make the steering less responsive than required for vigorous off-road riding. It also could subject the radio to excessive vibration.

I have also taken my FT-817 hiking and on pack animals. During the first pack trip, the internal alkaline batteries shorted through the thin plastic shield to a sharp metal protrusion of the case at the edge of the battery compartment. A lot of smoke and heat was generated. This killed the batteries, but the radio was OK. I filed down the protrusion with a miniature rotary grinding tool, and this has not been a problem since.

In summary, I recommend the FT-817 for bike mobile operation.

Bonnie KQ6XA

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> mounted it?

523. Re: Bike Mobile Safety Suggestion List

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-01-06 22:44:16 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 519 Message: 523

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "KQ6XA" <xtalradio@a...> wrote:

> 1. Wear a helmet and other protective gear.

There has been research here in the UK that wearing a helmet actually
INCREASES the risk of serious head injuries to the cyclist.
I didn't beleive it at first until I was posted the findings. If I can
dig them off my HD I'll forward them on.

> 6. Add streaming reflective orange flagging tape to antenna tip.
A flourescent pennant is better than tape, Tape can get in the way
when the wind is behind you.

> 8. Use your rear view mirror constantly.
Don't forget to look forward occasionally :)

> 16. Practice on a vacant road or sidewalk before riding in traffic.
I would never recommend riding on the sidewalk (pavement) Pedestarians
and dog walkers can be more dangerous :) And they have a right to be
on the sidewalk, a cyclist doesn't.

> 20. Carry a first aid kit.
Always carry a first aid kit, even without the rig. Also a tool kit
for puntures chain breaks etc.

> 22. Avoid riding on gravel.
Most of the cycle paths/track around here are on gravel

> 25. Use hand signals.
Most of the car drivers around this part of the world wouldn't
recognise a hand signal if you gave one :)

> 26. Assume that every car wants to kill you.

NO need to assume, it's a well known fact :)

I'd add:-

Tell someone where you are going and how long you will be.

Carry a mobile(cellular) phone. Your spouse/partner might not be
licenced and need to contact you, or you them.

Wear reflective hi-viz clothing even in daylight.

Lights. If possible use them in daylight too, especially the flashing
LED type. They catch car drivers eyes.

If mountain biking, check weather forecasts.

Use sensible antennas, A 20 foot antenna on the back of a bike might get out well but it will hit trees, bridges, overhangs, POWER CABLES etc and will also be a real problem if you and your bike should part company. Think of others around you.

Try to avoid lead acid batteries. Dry/gel cells are safer and won't spill in an accident.

Place fuses at the battery end of the cable in both +ve and -ve conductors. During an accident, the last thing you want is a dead short across your battery.

All of the other points previously mentioned are perfectly valid, and I was surprised how many I did as a matter of course.

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

524. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike Mobile Safety Suggestion List

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-01-07 04:07:58 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 519 Message: 524

How conducted the study? Hat manufactures? Helmets have saved my head on motorcycles and bicycles (on and off road) and Alpine skiing more times than I care to remember. Make sure the helmet fits properly. A helmet should fit tight enough so that if you don't cut your hair for a couple of months, it will be almost too tight to wear comfortably==a signal it's time for another haircut! Also, the strap must be very snug under the chin. It prevents the helmet from coming off or twisting on the head--which could cause injury. If the helmet was in a very bad crash (it has crushed interior styrofoam padding, or a cracked shell) it is no longer useful and should be replaced. Another impact to the damaged portion of the helmet could be your last.

If my head hits the pavement going 20 miles per hour, it will be in a helmet. Roadrash does not feel good and pavement is stronger than my skull! Don't be a fool--where a helmet.
Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
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525. Mizuho HTs mobile.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-01-29 01:22:42 UTC
From: aa6ckga
Topic: 525 Message: 525

Hello, I'm new to the group am interested to hear anyone's experience using the Mizuho/Pico/JiM/AEA DX-Handy series of HT. I have an MX-7S for 40 meters and would welcome ideas on antennas for a mountain bike. Also, does anyone use the MX-18S on 17 meters? I'd sure like to find one of these fine transceivers. 73 de Jim, AA6CK/4.

526. Re: Mizuho HTs mobile.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-05 01:49:57 UTC
From: Henry
Topic: 525 Message: 526

Hi Jim,
I have seen the Mizuho radios on Rigpix.com and they look very interesing. There's your trail friendly radio! I do not own one of these little radios but I think the manufacturer's have come pretty close to the size and certainly exceeded the functions available on a Mizuho HT type HF radio with the Yaesu FT817. It= would be interested to see how small they could mass produce a 5W 10M-20M HF HT though. That'd be a real hot item I think. As far as antennas go I think a Hustler coil on either a Hustler mast or a homebrew mast bracketed to the rear of the frame and grounded to the frame well is about the easiest set up you can expect to find. A Hustler RM40 coil, and a mast/whip combination secured well should do fine with your little 7 mhz HT. I'd play with whip lengths until I matched a center frequency really well. A local machine shop can be a real asset to a project like this just drop by, explain the nature of the beast you'd like to build and they can help out pretty cheaply most of the time. Appeal to their experimental side. Maybe you'll make a new ham out of some poor unsuspecting metal fabricator.
73 for now.
KG6FHG/4
Henry near Washington DC

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527. Mountain Biking Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-11 03:37:42 UTC
From: breckenridge_realtor
Topic: 527 Message: 527

I recently bought an HT for use in the event of an emergency while mountain biking in the backcountry. The HT came with a rubber ducky but I understand that rubber duckies are not the greatest antennas. I would like another antenna that I can take along on a ride and am looking for advice as to what I should carry.

I do not want something that remains attached to the bike which is what it seems like most people do here. So far I am leaning toward a 300 Ohm TV Twin-lead antenna that I can roll up and keep in my pack. I have also considered a telescopic antenna which could also be kept in my pack.

My main criteria are that the antenna be light and easily carried in a seat bag, backpack, or Camel water pack. My HT (a Yaesu VX-7R) can transmit on the 50, 144, 222, and 430 MHz bands.

529. Re: [BMHA] Mountain Biking Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-11 09:08:19 UTC
From: Jamie Christenson
Topic: 527 Message: 529

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> seat bag, backpack, or Camel water pack. My HT (a Yaesu VX-7R) can
> transmit on the 50, 144, 222, and 430 MHz bands.

The first thing that comes to my mind is a twin-lead J-pole. In fact, it's the only antenna that I can think of offhand that meets all of your criteria.

Costs next to nothing to build, and plans are available all over the place. Probably the #2 home-brew antenna for VHF, behind the 1/4 wave whip. Make several, and stash 'em wherever you may need one.

Jamie N3EOP

530. antennas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-11 23:01:34 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 530 Message: 530

I use a half-wave Larsen dual-bander (2m/.7cm) on a mag mount on my rack. I have a metal plate from a round electrical junction box attached to my rear rack, to put the magnet on. The Larsen is only 37" long and 1/2 wave means you don't need a ground plane. That way I can operate while riding, but I don't tend to do so, especially on mountain trails! I do use APRS to signal my location, which doesn't require my intervention. (See how I do it with a Tiny Trak: http://www.byonics.com/tinytrak/index.html). Then my friends and family can spot me on www.findu.com.

But if you want some GAIN, and don't mind some setup time, there is also the 2m Backbacker Quad from Shoestring Antennas, and a 2m 3-elem beam from MFJ - both quite light and portable and easy to erect, and about $80.

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531. Re: [BMHA] Mountain Biking Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-11 17:08:47 UTC
From: Alan Taylor
Topic: 527 Message: 531

I've got plans and pictures for that antenna. It's worked flawlessly with my VX-5R. You can mount the twin-lead inside a casing of some sort (PVC in my case) or simply tape it to a make-shift mast. I can post the pictures of my antenna on the group page if you'd like to see
them in order to steal ideas :-).

-A. M. Taylor
KD5VEZ

--- Jamie Christenson <jamie.c@...> wrote:
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> Jamie N3EOP
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"Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other."
-Benjamin Franklin

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532. For anyone in the Pac. NW or BC areas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-12 22:26:50 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 532 Message: 532

FYI the March 6/7th weekend in Seattle has both the
Puyallup hamfest and the Seattle Bike Expo. Please let
me know if you are planning to attend.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

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533. Re: Mountain Biking Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-13 05:42:47 UTC
From: breckenridge_realtor
Topic: 527 Message: 533

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> them in order to steal ideas :-).

Sure, if you would like to post them that would be great.

534. Mounting VX-7R

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-17 05:44:56 UTC
From: Adam Pirkle
Topic: 534 Message: 534

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What I'm trying to figure out right now is the best way to mount the VX-7R on my bike. I'm thinking I would like to mount it on the handlebars or stem, but keeping it in a frame bag of some sort is always an option.

Any suggestions?

Regards,
Adam Pirkle - KE5AGK
<adam@...>

535. Re: [BMHA] Mounting VX-7R

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-18 14:36:24 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 534 Message: 535

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Subject: [BMHA] Mounting VX-7R

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> always an option.

I don't like to mount any rig *on* the bike. Too much chance of vibration doing 'nasty' things ... and 4500 miles is a *lot* of time to do 'nasty' things. When I bike mobile with an HT I carry it on my belt (if I'm wearing 'bike clothes' I wear a belt specifically to carry the rig)

Richard in Boston, MA, USA
N1JDU

536. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mountain Biking Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-19 06:06:41 UTC
From: Alan M. Taylor
Topic: 527 Message: 536

I just uploaded them to the group today. If you are signed in to Yahoo Groups, this link should take you to where I've uploaded them in the group.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/KD5VEZ/

I'm fixing up my Mountain bike to be able to use my VX-5R mobile -- the progess is slow but sure. What I need now is a RAM mount for the radio, and a reliable mount for an antenna. I'll have some of those pictures up in the next few months as the project comes along.

Hope this helps, and tell me if you come up with any new or better ideas for mounting this antenna on a bike!

-A. M. Taylor -- KD5VEZ

> Sure, if you would like to post them that would be great.
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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

537. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mountain Biking Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-19 12:51:49 UTC
From: phillip michaelis
Topic: 527 Message: 537

Alan,
Nice pictures an article. If you get a chance snap a
picture of you standing next to the walking stick so
we can see what it looks like full length.

Thanks Phil KC2GFV

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538. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 230

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-19 14:16:20 UTC
From: John Griswold
Topic: 538 Message: 538

> Message: 1
> Date: Mon, 16 Feb 2004 23:44:56 -0600
> From: Adam Pirkle <adam@...>
> Subject: Mounting VX-7R
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> I was wondering if anyone had any tips on mounting a
> Yaesu VX-7R. I'm
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My Icom HT hangs on a loop in the shoulder strap of my hydration system. I run the extended duck antenna through another loop above that one, and the antenna doesn't get in the way. Either biking or during PS events, it's a very handy location. The mic is plugged in as well, and clips to the strap across my chest for easy access.

73 de KB1HDO

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539. Re: [BMHA] Mounting VX-7R

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-19 15:13:25 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 534 Message: 539

Adam,

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/N0HZ/
Also take a look at the pictures I uploaded a while back. I use a Shakespeare squatty body marine 1/2 antenna with a little longer whip to get down to 2 metres. I mount my th-79a on the handlebars with a Radio Shack FRS bike handle radio pouch. My vx-1r fits nicely in it also. The squatty body antenna on it now has less wind resistance (noticeable in a head wind), is less top heavy and doesn't hit as much crap as sits a 1/4wave lower than the home made PVC cover J-pole I had on the bike previously.

If you want to use a J-pole check out WX2NJ's Jurassic duck and mounting at http://www.qsl.net/wx2nj/

Good Luck and post your pictures

S. Earl Jarosh, N0HZ
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earljarosh@...
www.moneycenters.com

----- Original Message -----
From: "Adam Pirkle" <adam@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2004 11:44 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Mounting VX-7R

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540. WTB Mizuho MX-18S handheld transceiver for 17 meters.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-20 22:31:15 UTC
From: aa6ckga
Topic: 540 Message: 540

Please e-mail me direct if you have a Mizuho MX-18S you would like to sell. 73 de Jim, AA6CK/4.

541. Re: [BMHA] WTB Mizuho MX-18S handheld transceiver for 17 meters.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-26 17:30:38 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 540 Message: 541

I have the 6 meter version that I am thinking of putting on Ebay.

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earljarosh@...
www.moneycenters.com

----- Original Message -----
From: "aa6ckga" <aa6ckga@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2004 4:31 PM
Subject: [BMHA] WTB Mizuho MX-18S handheld transceiver for 17 meters.

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542. More Twin-Lead J-Pole photos

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-21 22:09:56 UTC
From: A. M. Taylor
Topic: 542 Message: 542

For those interested, I've posted photos of the "Production Model"
walking stick j-pole. I've posted them to the same place, so you
can view them at

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/KD5VEZ/

I'm going to do "size comparison" photos of the antennas besides
common objects, so you can get an idea of how tall the antenna, and
it's housing is. It might not be tonight, but it will be soon.

-A. M. Taylor
KD5VEZ

543. Scary Stuff

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-23 00:48:12 UTC
From: Enrique
Topic: 543 Message: 543

Hey here's a link to a video of a mobile station tuning around in an area that is using BPL technology. For those that aren't aware of the war for ham radio's survival that's going on right now here in Manassas over this BPL thing there is also a link to the ARRL page on the problem.

Video
http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/#Video

ARRL Info page.
http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/#Quick_Links

Write letters get more info. Do what you can. They are selling our bands.

73 KG6FHG/4

544. HF HT's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-02-24 00:44:32 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 544 Message: 544

I agree. I have a Mizuho 6m and had a lot of fun with it mountaintopping (see pix in the Six-Pack-Radio group). But I just bought a Tokyo Hypower HT-750, an HT that does 6, 15 and 40m at 2, 2 and 3w. This has more bells and whistles than the Mizuho and a lot less than the 817: No scanning or split or memories, but it does have the important stuff: RIT, variable steps, NL, pre-amp, break-in time setting... and a lock. What I like about these HTs is the form factor and simplicity. I can't imagine operating anything as complex as an 817 while riding a bike! I can (and have) operated my HT-750 in a snowstorm wearing mittens (pictures will soon be on the Mountainears Yahoo group).

So yes, a new HF HT would be great. The THP design is 10 years old, the Mizuho 20, but they are both hot performers, and easy to use. Would I like more bands, less weight, smaller size, less power consumption? Sure would! I paid an 817/703 price for the HT-750 without a second thought. If it was half the size and weight, maybe twice the power and had 10 and 20m as well, I would pay double. I don't know why the manufacturers aren't chasing this market. Haven't they heard about HFpack and related groups? Sooner or later someone will get the message and outsell the 817.

72, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

> I do not own one of
> these little radios but I think the manufacturer's
> have come pretty
> close to the size and certainly exceeded the
> functions available on
> a Mizuho HT type HF radio with the Yaesu FT817. It=
> would be
> interested to see how small they could mass produce
> a 5W 10M-20M HF
> HT though. That'd be a real hot item I think.

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545. BMHA - An Open Letter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-01 23:15:46 UTC
From: pkmichaelis
Topic: 545 Message: 545

BMHA Members;

I'm Phil Michaelis, KC2GFV. I'm more "biker" than "hamer". I got my first bike when ten and had ridden continually until forty when stomach problems wouldn't allow me to bend over my upright. In 1989, I saw an ad for a LWB, USS recumbent and I brought one sight unseen. Saturday morning I took the big box down to the bike shop where they put the bike together. I spent the afternoon in the parking lot figuring out how to ride it. I haven't looked back since, I love recumbents. I joined BMHA, spring 2000, when I saw an article about hams on bikes. My brother had been on me for years to get my ticket, so I did. Dayton this year will be my fourth.

I was searching the BMHA back issues, a gold mine, for an antenna suitable for my new Catrike Speed. The main components of my mobile shack are an Icom T81a quad, Midland 75-832 CB (I want to talk with the truckers before they make me road kill), and a Vista Etrex GPS. While searching, it accrued to me that we haven't had a new issue for a long time, that Dayton is almost upon us with no word about this years forum and BMHA is slowly sinking in to the sunset. I do not want that to happen!

I'm appointing my self as Chairman of the "BMHA Kick in the Butt Committee" (KB). As Chairman of the KB it is not my intension to offend, alienate, hurt any ones feelings or step on any toes. My intention is to give us collectively a swift kick in our get the origination going! Hartley our founder, single handedly, gave us a fabulous origination. For more than ten year he was Mr. BMHA. Let us take the seed he planted and grow it into the premier bike/ham group that we all want and need. So, lets take the rest of this year (time limit) to get back and surpass what Hartley left us

First, a plea to the BMHA Presidency, Directors, Editor and others as constituted in the last newsletter. Please stay and serve in your current position, at least until the end of this year. A shake up in this base group, at this critical time, would mean the demise of BMHA, in my opinion. Please e-mail me confirming your intention to stay and help us regroup.

Second, and this is critical, lets go totally electronic. As hams, everyone should be technologically savvy. We have two great web sites www.lafetra.com/bmha/ operated by Skip AA6KW (271 members) and a BMHA Yahoo E-Group owned by Mike NF0N (259 members). My idea is: to Use Skip's site as our best foot forward "public forum". That is where we will have on display Hartley's first issue and the current third quarter (after Dayton) issue of the newsletter. Really, not

too different from its current make up. To use Mike's site as a "members only" site. This is where we will store the membership list, the library, committee stuff, the current newsletter and other information for the members only. Mike's site would be greatly expanded to serve the members.

Newsletter: Scott KE4WMF needs to be congratulated for stepping up to the plate when know one else would. Lets increase the newsletter staff to at least three. An editor and two assistances or sr. editor and editors or what ever the make. The newsletter is the core of BMHA and is just too much for one person, Hartley excepted. So, ok all you English majors, or want-a-bees, step up to the plate like Scott. My ides is: to publish three issues this year on the first day of each quarter. That only gives one month to get the first issue done and out by April 1st. Look back at Hartley's eight page newsletters, chuck full of good info. Not a lot of white space and great content. Buy the end of this year lets be up to eight pages plus advertisements. Lets go color except for content, black and white is easer to read. Everyone send in "articles, suggestions, letters, announcements, photos, artwork, - anything pertaining to the combining of bicycling with amateur radio." Time is short!

Membership: This committee's responsibility will be to maintain the membership list and to spearhead new membership. My idea is: to contact each and every member and potential member from the two web sites. Make sure their information is correct including e-mail address. Get this all done before the next issue is released April 1st. Then, swing into new membership mode along with maintenance and web site work.

Library: This committee's responsibility is to create a library and maintain it. My idea is: to put all the back issues on the member only site. Create an extensive, comprehensive and searchable index of the back issues. Create a listing and files of all articles that have ever been published that have any thing to do with bike/ham. Get copies of articles where possible, with permission of the publisher, or describe them fully including where to find them. Publications would have its searchable index as well.

"From the top" column: The responsibility here is to write a column to put in the newsletter. My idea is: that columns will be written by the Pres., V.P., Sec/Tres. & the KB Chair. to be publish in each quarters issue respectively. Skip would be April 1st and I would end Dec. 1st, in this year of regrouping.

"QSL Corner" and "Bits & Pieces": Start these feature again in each issue. My idea is: for each of you get your QSL card in electronic format and submit them for publication. If we publish two in each issue that will help fill the newsletter, and I personal liked to see them.

"The Pink Key" or something: Would one of you ladies like to write a column that would give a famine perspective on bike/hamming? Just my idea some one step up and run with it.

Artist and Cartoonist: Lets have a cartoon or two in each issue. Anybody out there named Walt D? We need to have some one make up letterhead stationary (electronic) for the committees and others to use when corresponding. Most originations have some kind of patch, hat or what ever. Lets get our name and/or logo on something that says "I bike/ham", maybe a pennant we can hang from our antennas.

Public Relations: This committee's responsibility is to put our best face forward. My idea is: to get our name and our logo out in front of the bike/ham public. On any type of ride across state, walk a thon or any activity that one of our members participates in needs to be publicized as a BMHA sponsored event. Get our name and logo into every bike, ham or any other publication or news media we can. This will also help in membership

Advertising: This committee's responsibility is to sell advertising in the newsletter. My idea is: to make some money and advertise products for out members. An equal mix of ham and bike stuff should be sought.

Door Prizes: This committee's responsibility is to collect prizes, bike and ham stuff, to be raffled and/or given away in Dayton. My ideal is: to have two sets of door prizes to give away at the forum. One set to members only, need not be present to win, every members name in the box to be drawn. Another set to be given to attendees, present. When vendor gives us a very nice gift, lets raffle it off and make some money. (Door prizes were very successful for the HF pack forum last year.) Lets set a goal to have collected $1.500. in prizes, by Dayton.

Dayton "Show & Tell": We have our forum and the annual Ride. My idea is: to also have a dual (two stalls together) outside booth, behind the prime real estate. We could set up a couple white tent canapés with name & logo banners some folding or stacking plastic chairs a folding plastic table. This would allow us a place to show our mobile shacks, give out handouts or flyers about our group, socialize about bike/mobile and in general hang out during the three days of Dayton. The committee would need to see that the Show & Tell was manned during the event, we could take turns for an hour or so each day, see that there was information to hand out, assemble & take down, and transportation. Perhaps someone that lives close could store it for us, between shows.

Line art, schematics & etc.: In my profession, Mechanical Design Engineer, I use Pro/Engineer CAD software. I will make up any type of line art or schematics needed to help you build articles describing your rigs. If for instance, you want to show a small sending key attached to your handlebars or an antenna setup you have. I can model it for publication in the newsletter.

Have you noticed I kept saying "My idea is:" ? Well I have been around long enough to know that "my idea is" not necessarily the best in the world. You may disagree with me and that is fine. I want to hear all the ideas you have for BMHA and to implement them. However, if you are going to just disagree with me and not offer any constructive ideas of your own, I do not want to hear it. I will be too busy implementing the fine ideas of others in this year of regrouping. I do not want to hear negative but rather only positive comments. I'm upbeat about the future of BMHA and want to stay that way.

It should go without saying that BMHA needs your help. Please, join in with the Officers and I to help regroup. Hartley was a special individual that had time to keep this all together and running smoothly. Look over the list of suggested committees and see where you might belong or add something to the list that you can do. I don't have a lot of time but I do have a little. When we add our time together we will end up with a lot of time, to get back to and maybe surpass what Hartley left us BMHA.

My e-mail address is: pkmichaekis@.... You can expect a reply.

E-mail me first, so I can collect my thoughts about our discussion. My cell phone number is 812-290-3909. Call me between 7:00 & 10.00pm EST on Mon, Tues, or Fri and on Sat. all day. Sat., However, I probable will be out riding but I will take my cell phone with me. Please call me, if I don't answer, leave a voicemail (spell name and call sign slowly) and I will call you back.

546. Hello ALL BMHA Members

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-09 18:04:00 UTC
From: kg4rrn
Topic: 546 Message: 546

I never really got into bicycle mobiling, until I was able to volunteer for the Marine Corps Marathon.
I had a blast. What I did was mount a Radio Shack HTX-252 mobile rig on a 1975 Schwinn Road Bike (27 inch) and mounted a plastic mini dairy box on the back rack.I
The back rack served two purposes-first it held (2) 7 ah gel cell batteries to power the rig(one would do all day I later discovered), and the top lip on the plastic crate, I mounted a metal plate to support a mobile 5/8 antenna.
This plate was for drywall-electrical wire cover that I bought for 50 cents at a local herdware store. I glued the plate onto the box with Marine Glue, and the lip support fit perfectly.
It measured about 3x4 INCHES, and fit the lip of the plastic box sideways on the back end of the box , which I drilled four holes out of the bottom, and wire tied the box to the metal bike rack.
Then I installed a 5/8 wave, (2/3rd wave electrically)mag-mount to the back.
It works well, with the addition of a ground wire I soldered to the plate and ran this wire down to the lug on the frame where it screwed into a drilled and threaded hole on the frame right above the lug nut.
I also use a ICOM V-8 2 meter HT with a headset while BM.
I will next try to wire up the old Yeasu 770 single band 440 rig (25 watts) and see how I do.
If this works , I will probably go next with a dual-band(2-440) rig.
Main consideration of course is the antenna, and the antenna mfgs ARE HEARING THE BICYCLE MOBILE AMATEUR AND making antennas now to be mounted on bicycles.
With a little imagination, you too can come up with a new design.
I really didn't know if there was a club for this, until I literally stumbled on it one day while surfing.
Be careful out there-- and Happy Communicating !!!
Bob, KG4RRN
Virginia

547. An Open Letter - Corrections -Please read

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-10 10:29:20 UTC
From: pkmichaelis
Topic: 547 Message: 547

Please note the correction in my e-mail address

It is pkmichaelis@yahoo.com.

Yahoo may cut the ending off, so, to repeat it is

pkmichaelis
@
yahoo.com

Please accept my apologies for my error. I don't think I would make a very good editor when I can't even spell my own name. If you have had trouble e-mailing me, please, try once more. I will reply.

In my open letter, I had asked that you e-mail me before calling. That is not necessary. Please, call me at your convenience. If I don't answer, leave a voicemail (spell name and call sign slowly) and I will call you back. I know that a lot of time has gone by since I first sent the open letter out. That has cut the time drastically before the newsletter is to be sent out April 1st.

Thanks, Phil
KC2GFV

I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the things I can do.
E. E. Hale

548. Re: [BMHA] Hello ALL BMHA Members

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-10 17:30:17 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 546 Message: 548

Bob,

Welcome to the group!! When you get a chance go look at the pictures that have been posted by many of us in the files section. Then take pictures of your bike and post them too.

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----- Original Message -----
From: "kg4rrn" <mrrobertarice1@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2004 12:04 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Hello ALL BMHA Members

549. Radio Shack throat mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-11 00:07:17 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 549 Message: 549

In case anyone was interested, Radio Shack has a throat mic on sale (closeout?) .. originally $50 now $15. The package includes an earphone, and two PTT switches (one a belt mount, the other for handlebar use) It was aimed more for motorcycle use, but might be useful for us....hey, for $15 I bought one "just to have"

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"

550. RE: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-11 00:24:01 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 549 Message: 550

Richard,

Do you by any chance have the model number?

73 de KE4LWT Jack
EM53tl
ARRL and Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

-----Original Message-----
From: Richard Amirault [mailto:ramirault@...]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 6:07 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

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551. Re: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-12 03:54:28 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 549 Message: 551

The RS Throat Mic on sale now is item # 21-1835

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"
----- Original Message -----
From: "Jack R. Smith"
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

> Richard,
>
> Do you by any chance have the model number?

552. RE: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-12 05:17:08 UTC
From: Zeb Palmer
Topic: 549 Message: 552

How is the audio?

Zeb
KD7EVS

-----Original Message-----
From: Richard Amirault [mailto:ramirault@...]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2004 8:54 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

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553. is there a perfect setup? and 6m

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-12 05:01:58 UTC
From: Zeb Palmer
Topic: 549 Message: 553

Hello to all.

I've recently started adding on to my bike preparing for the public service season of races, parades and such.

In the past I've been mobile and pedestrian mobile. Now, the time has come for bike mobile. I also look forward to being bike mobile up in the mountains on some of the old roads and trails.

Later this year I'll be adding aprs http://www.byonics.com/pockettracker/ right now I want to focus on 2m. I'm kinda torn though. 2m meter is a definite need. One of the areas near my house (downtown boise) is served only by a UHF repeater. But my real love is six meters... I'm active on six at home and in both my truck and wife's (KD7VKY) car. Most activity is simplex with one or two seldom used repeaters. But none the less I love six. And my wife has interest in six too. I'll be getting a couple of new VX-5's soon so portable six isn't out of the question.

You can probably see my dilemma. My perfect antenna set up would include 6m, 2m and 70cm. but unfortunately bikes are only so big.

Other than introducing myself to the group, I'd like to know if anyone on the list does 6m /bm. Or if anyone has a good way to work all three. I've considered a couple of the popular tri-band mobile antennas but I'm concerned about the ground (or lack of.) My current mount install (a 3/8x24 mount) on a rear luggage rack has plenty of a ground plane for a UHF but above that any antenna that requires a ground will require some more work.

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Anyone running 6m bike mobile?

Headed out Saturday for a bit of testing.

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554. Re: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-12 12:37:33 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 549 Message: 554

Sorry, I haven't used it (and have no plans to) ... I bought it because I *may* have a use for it in the future, AND it was "real cheap"

Radio Shack also had something (now long discontinued) that might also be useful for us ... an combination earphone/mic. I think they called it Auditronic or something. The "in your ear" earphone was also the mic. I've used that for public service events when there was significant crowd noise and did not have any negative comments on the audio. When they were closing these out you could get one for less than $5 (or on eBay for $12 to $15) but they are long gone.

Richard in Boston, MA, USA
N1JDU
----- Original Message -----
From: "Zeb Palmer"
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

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555. RE: [BMHA] Radio Shack throat mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-12 23:35:09 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 549 Message: 555

With the audionic earpieces, a couple of words of advice:

Don't use rechargeable batteries if at all possible. As they're only 1.2V, the xmitted audio will really begin to suffer as the battery discharges. Unlike the boom-mic units which only use the battery to trigger the VOX, the audionic units have a small amplifier in them. They don't like low batteries!! But other than learning that the hard way, everybody I've talked with says they like the audio better from them than they do the boom mic units. Which are also long gone...

73 de Jack KE4LWT

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556. Re: is there a perfect setup? and 6m

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-15 15:39:54 UTC
From: pkmichaelis
Topic: 549 Message: 556

Zeb,

I like you was looking for one antenna will do it all type thing. Then I got to thinking I want to get the best possible reception that I can get. The fact of little or no ground plane on a bike is a problem. I have changed my thinking to one antenna/one channel. I found an article in a back issue of the BMHA newsletter about stainless "J's" for 1.2G, 220, 440 & 2m. I called the author and ask if he could help me design me "J's" for 6m and CB, also. I have an Icom T81a, I will be using 1.2G, 440 2m, and 6m with individual antennas. And, a "J" for the HT CB a Midland 75-822. I have had good success talking to trucks and RV, so they don't make me road kill. I will be building up these antennas in the next couple of months (before Dayton Hamfest). And I'm also planning on putting an article in the July 1st issue of the BMHA Newsletter, about my ideas for Super lightweight "J's" with pictures of my rig.

Thanks, (Superlight antenna farm) Phil
73's KC2GFV

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557. Sixing on a bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-16 20:52:32 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 557 Message: 557

As a Sixer and serious cyclist, I have THOUGHT about it a lot. I have a Mizuho HT and a Tokyo Hypower HT that do Six, but I just use the whip with them unless I am stationary, in which case I usually use a free standing dipole (tent pole sections as a mast, Radio Shack whips as elements). I have THOUGHT about mounting the dipole, fore & aft on a mast attached to the back of the rear rack. The mast would have to be stiffer than my 1/2" tent poles, but still light. I guess I could fasten three of them together... just thinking out loud. The top should be 3 meters up from the ground. I wonder what it would be like going around corners?

But I have to say that if I heard anything(!) on Six, I would stop (probably faint!)! I could use the whip to monitor and then put up the dipole real quick. So I am thinking of a clamp to hold the mast on the side of the bike, flat on the ground. And for FM and vertical polarization, maybe a sideways bike could be enough of a ground plane.

Please share your experiments with this group, and post them on the Six-Pack-Radio Yahoo group too.

72, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

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558. Pocket Tracker for APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-17 19:22:44 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 557 Message: 558

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http://www.hivalueradio.com

73 de KE4LWT Jack

559. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 242

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-17 15:41:25 UTC
From: Bruce H. McIntosh
Topic: 559 Message: 559

> Date: Tue, 16 Mar 2004 12:52:32 -0800 (PST)
> From: Barry Bogart <ve7vie@...>
> Subject: Sixing on a bike
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> the back of the rear rack. The mast would have to be
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> guess I could fasten three of them together... just
> thinking out loud. The top should be 3 meters up from
> the ground. I wonder what it would be like going
> around corners?

My own notions of 6-on-a-roadbike would be something like:
* MFJ-9406 mounted with conduit straps to the handlebar
* 7ah gelcell in a toolbag hanging from the saddle
* a loaded 9' long skinny whip (close enough to 1/2 wave to not
need too much in the way of loading), or a hamstick, clamped
to the frame somewhere on the rear triangle

I'm gonna have to give this a shot this summer!

> But I have to say that if I heard anything(!) on Six,
> I would stop (probably faint!)!

Come summer, assuming even halfway decent Es openings, you'll be
doing more fainting than you think you'll be doing. :-)

> I could use the whip
> to monitor and then put up the dipole real quick.

Heck, if you're going to stop and set something up, you *might* be able
to cobble up some kind of moxon out of skinny aluminum shock-corded tent
poles that would fold up plenty small enough to live in a bottle cage.
Six meter portable with some gain and directivity would really rock.

> And for FM and vertical
> polarization, maybe a sideways bike could be enough of
> a ground plane.
I'm thinking a half wave vertical would be much less picky about the
ground situation than a quarter wave. And if it's skinny enough (say
from a really cheap CB setup or somesuch) it wouldn't detract all that

much from handling nor add much in the way of wind resistance.

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Bruce H. McIntosh scotsman@... www.afn.org/~scotsman WA4UF

Network geek with a strong affinity for Telecasters

560. Followup to my earlier post

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-17 15:41:40 UTC
From: Bruce H. McIntosh
Topic: 560 Message: 560

Here might be just the ticket for constructing a 1/2wave 6m antenna:

http://www.american-milspec.com/p1001.html

Thank you Fred KE6CD for posting this to the HFPACK mailing list.

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561. RE: [BMHA] Pocket Tracker for APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-18 06:54:48 UTC
From: Zeb Palmer
Topic: 557 Message: 561

Yeah, I'm friends with N7MTZ the creator of that tracker. It's been neat to see his radio go through different development phases. It's one impressive device, which has a ton of use possibilities.

Once I get all the other antennas settled on my new bike I'll be getting one of these trackers from him and adding a gps... should make a nice setup for riding old roads up in the mountains.

73 de KD7EVS

Zeb Palmer
Communications Director
The Voice of Idaho Amateur Radio Club
http://www.voiceofidaho.org

-----Original Message-----
From: Jack R. Smith [mailto:jrsmith2@...]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 12:23 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Pocket Tracker for APRS

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562. Re: Mounting VX-7R

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-19 06:14:30 UTC
From: Luis
Topic: 534 Message: 562

I actually ride a Recumbent, the Sport by EasyRacers, and it's incredibly easy to mount just about ANY radio/HT/battery/antenna to that thing. But when I used to ride my old Beach Cruiser, I used to put my HT in one of those bicycle model neoprene radio holders for the FRS radios! RatShack usually sells them cheap as does WallyWorld. And for an antenna mount? I used and still do use a 'mirror mount' for CB antennas.

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Since you're using the VX-7R, I'd suggest a 5/8 wave 2m that doubles as a 1/4 wave on 6! And you can still use it on 440. I'd suggest the HamStick 5/8 wave with the 3/8" connector and use a 'mirror mount' 3/8" CB antenna mount. If it's behind you, your body will cover it and produce less drag.

Maybe I'll see you out on the road someday or on the radio! Until then?

The Best of 73!

Luis KD5KJD

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> packets.
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> VX-7R on my bike. I'm thinking I would like to mount it on the
> handlebars or stem, but keeping it in a frame bag of some sort is
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> Any suggestions?
>
> Regards,

> Adam Pirkle - KE5AGK
> <adam@p...>

563. Re: Mounting VX-7R

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From: Luis
Topic: 534 Message: 563

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> <adam@p...>

564. Generator Charged Battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-19 14:48:17 UTC
From: DrRodney
Topic: 564 Message: 564

I'm relatively new to bicycle mobile operating and am just starting to outfit my bike. I'm a teacher in a school district which strongly emphasizes renewable energy sources. (We have a wind turbine and a geothermal-aided heating/cooling system.) I'm wondering if anyone has used a bicycle-powered generator and regulator system to charge a battery for operating bicycle mobile? I've noticed some 12 volt systems sold by European companies.

-Rod Marty, NA9N
New Glarus, WI

565. RE: [aprssig] Re: Power Supply

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-19 19:11:32 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 565 Message: 565

(For the BMHA group and the TinyTrak group, this a TO-220 footprint switching replacement for the 78XX series regulators. VERY low power consumption. Check out the specs page: http://www.datel.com/data/meters/dms-78xxsr.pdf Been talking about it somewhat on the APRS-SIG)

I see lots of upgrades in the pipeline for me! My 7805 uses way too much power for bicycle mobile apps. Gonna have to get my hands on some of these to upgrade my tiny-traks and other goodies for my bicycle mobile setups.

73 de KE4LWT Jack
EM53tl
ARRL and Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

-----Original Message-----
From: bounce-aprssig-36296@...
[mailto:bounce-aprssig-36296@...] On Behalf Of Carl Taylor
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2004 11:00 AM
To: TAPR APRS Special Interest Group
Subject: [aprssig] Re: Power Supply

Just under 10 bux each in small quantities....

>==
>I don know the small quantity cost, but for those folks here needing
>better battery consumption for 5V and 12V power supplies (TNCs and
>GPSs)... and a drop in replacement for 7805 and 7812 linears... you
>might look at the Datel device.
>
>Same form factor... elimination of some filter caps... reverse polarity
>protection... and what appears to be pretty good efficiency.
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>http://www.datel.com/data/meters/dms-78xxsr.pdf
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>Version: 6.0.627 / Virus Database: 402 - Release Date: 3/16/04

566. Re: [BMHA] Generator Charged Battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-19 19:25:30 UTC
From: Adam Pirkle
Topic: 564 Message: 566

I've never done it, but Peter White Cycles sells a really cool dynamo front hub, so power is generated at the hub instead of using a tire-driven generator. It's pretty pricey though, about $300 for a built wheel or $190 for just the hub.

http://www.peterwhitecycles.com/Schmidtbrochure.htm

http://www.peterwhitecycles.com/schmidt-lumotec.asp

There's also a cheaper Shimano generator hub that you can apparently get for $60 through Harris Cyclery (or $120 built into a wheel):

http://www.sheldonbrown.com/harris/lighting/shimano.html

Finally, a bit of info on Sheldon Brown's site about dynamo hubs:

http://www.sheldonbrown.com/dynohubs.html

-Adam
KE5AGK

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567. Mizuho 6m

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-19 22:22:22 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 567 Message: 567

WHICH 6m - 6s, 6z..? Do you have the linear/antenna?
How much are you looking for?

72, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

> Message: 1
> Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2004 11:30:38 -0600
> From: "S. Earl Jarosh" <earljarosh@...>
>> I have the 6 meter version that I am thinking of
> putting on Ebay.
>
> S. Earl Jarosh
> N0HZ (ex. KA0VYB) No Hertz, No Gain

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568. Not the best news: Pantani 'died of cocaine overdose'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-20 03:12:01 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 568 Message: 568

http://edition.cnn.com/2004/SPORT/03/19/cycling.pantani.reut/index.html

Jack

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

569. 2m / 70 cm Antenna for Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-20 04:53:48 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 569 Message: 569

Hello,
This is my first posting to this group.

I am interested in crafting a good antenna for Bicycle Mobile operation. I have know some who have used a J-pole with good success. I seem to recall examples in previous issues of BMHA newsletter, but I can't seem to put my fingers on any. Ideally, I would want both 2m and 70cm bands coverage, but 2m will bee good, too.

Thanks,

Harry, WD9FYF

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

570. Re: [BMHA] 2m / 70 cm Antenna for Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-20 05:23:50 UTC
From: Gerry Santo
Topic: 569 Message: 570

My first post, too.
I use a regular dual-band mobile antenna, the Comet SBB-2. I ride a Wizwheelz trike and put the antenna on the rear rack. Coax runs up to the front, Kenwood TH-F6 attaches to the water bottle rack. If I ever find a "shorty" tri-band antenna with 220, then I'll be able to use the F6 to its full potential. Not too worried about the ground plane; there's plenty of metal in the trike and an HT is built to work with a duck (which has no ground plane to speak of.)
73
Gerry N0DOZ

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571. RE: [BMHA] 2m / 70 cm Antenna for Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-20 14:49:24 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 569 Message: 571

On my ATB, I use a WX2NJ Jurassic Duck. Works real good, and makes a handy safety flag mount, too. Not too good in low branches, though. Tends to come back and slap me in the back! You do have to mount it to a rack, too. Again, I don't have a problem with that as that's where I keep my radio and battery. You can find details at http://www.qsl.net/wx2nj/ He doesn't mention it, but I've used mine on 440. Many of the twin-lead j-poles work well as dual-banders. If you do try it, use low power for your testing on 440, just to make sure.

73 de KE4LWT Jack
EM53tl
ARRL and Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

-----Original Message-----
From: Gerry Santo [mailto:kb0vof@...]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2004 11:24 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] 2m / 70 cm Antenna for Bicycle Mobile

My first post, too.
I use a regular dual-band mobile antenna, the Comet SBB-2. I ride a Wizwheelz trike and put the antenna on the rear rack. Coax runs up to the front, Kenwood TH-F6 attaches to the water bottle rack. If I ever find a "shorty" tri-band antenna with 220, then I'll be able to use the F6 to its full potential. Not too worried about the ground plane; there's plenty of metal in the trike and an HT is built to work with a duck (which has no ground plane to speak of.)
73
Gerry N0DOZ

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572. Re: [BMHA] Generator Charged Battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-19 21:23:56 UTC
From: Terry Collins
Topic: 564 Message: 572

Adam Pirkle wrote:
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> I've never done it, but Peter White Cycles sells a really cool dynamo
> front hub, so power is generated at the hub instead of using a
> tire-driven generator. It's pretty pricey though, about $300 for a
> built wheel or $190 for just the hub.

The problem with all bicycle generators is power output.

6 watts seems to be the best these generators will do, if you can ride
at over 15mph.

Does anyone want to contribute the power consumption figures for their
rig for comparison.

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573. New to list

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-21 14:08:43 UTC
From: KEN BURNUM
Topic: 573 Message: 573

Hello to all, Just found this group and look forward to reading all the prior post and reviewing the photos on file.

I combined Ham radio and my bike 3 years ago during a Boy Scout Camporee Radio Demo we were doing as I was also assiting in several other areas and it just made sense to be Bicycle mobil for covering the event.

73's
Ken
KD5LHG

574. RE: [BMHA] Generator Charged Battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-21 16:05:12 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 564 Message: 574

An Alinco DJ-191 operating at 5W output requires about 12W of input. (12V * 1A). Most HTs have similar requirements at 5-6W, but will operate at lower power levels. In order to operate off a 6V/6W Shimano generator, you'd need a battery for surge demand (key-up), and a step-up power supply. A switching type supply would be recommended since they're much lighter and smaller than a transformer type. Using a set-up like this would allow the battery to be charged during receive and then to be able to handle the excess load during transmit.

73 de KE4LWT Jack
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Sent: Friday, March 19, 2004 3:24 PM
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575. Dynamo power

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-22 18:51:39 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 575 Message: 575

I have thought about using a bike dynamo to power a radio, but haven't tried it yet. I usually ride all day (Randonneur), so I use solar power instead (an ICP iSun).

As far as dynamos, the hubs are nice, but heavy and pricey - and there is always a little drag. And of course you might have to replace your wheel because of the diameter. I prefer bottom-bracket or sidewall uints. I was one of a group doing Paris-Brest-Paris testing a sidewall one from Switzerland called the 'Litespin'. I got mine from the factory but these guys have it: (http://www.yellowjersey.org/litespin.html). I highly recommend it because it is so efficient - not more power but less drag. You can hardly tell it is turning, and it is very quiet. If you give it a spin with your finger, it runs about 15 a seconds before it stops - that is how little resistance there is. My only complaint is that it is a little larger and heavier than most dynamos, but then it is built to last.

When I get a chance I'll put a 'scope on it and see hwo well regulated teh output is. They warn you not to go over 60km/h but I tested it up to 75 (going down soem long hills) and teh voltage seems to have flat-topped pretty well or the bulb would have blown.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

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576. Re: [BMHA] Dynamo power

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-23 01:07:17 UTC
From: Terry Collins
Topic: 575 Message: 576

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577. ICP iSun

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-24 19:18:17 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 577 Message: 577

From http://icpsolar.com/html/isunprod.asp:

General Specifications
Model Number: 04061
Wattage: 2.2 watts
Peak Output: 290 mAmps@7.6 volts/145 mAmps@15.2 volts
Approx. Watt-Hrs/Day *: 8.8-11
Approx. Amp Hrs/Day *: 1.2-1.5(7.6V)/0.6-0.73(15.2V)
Dimensions: 7.25"x4.5"x1.25"/184 mm x 114 mm x 32 mm
Weight: 0.68 lbs / 311 g
Temperature Range: -40?F to 176?F / -40?C to 80?C
Warranty: 2 years
* Based on 4 to 5 hours of average daily peak sunlight
hours

I use this QRP with the Mizuho and Tokyo Hypower HTs -
2 or 3 watts, with their Battpak filled with 2100Ah
NimH AAs. I won't know until the Summer contests if it
will go all day, but bike-mobile I am in the sun all
day long and don't actually xmit that long.
72, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

> Message: 1
> Date: Tue, 23 Mar 2004 12:07:17 +1100
> From: Terry Collins <terryc@...>
> Subject: Re: Dynamo power
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578. Re: [BMHA] is there a perfect setup? and 6m

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-27 08:00:33 UTC
From: Jamie Christenson
Topic: 549 Message: 578

Quite a while ago, Zeb KD7EVS wrote:

> I've considered a couple of the popular tri-band mobile antennas but I'm
> concerned about the ground (or lack of.) My current mount install (a
3/8x24
> mount) on a rear luggage rack has plenty of a ground plane for a UHF but
> above that any antenna that requires a ground will require some more work.

It seems to me that a bike frame should offer a reasonable counterpoise for
a 6m whip. A quarter wave on 6m is only a little over four feet in length.

Jamie
N3EOP/6

579. Re: [BMHA] Pocket Tracker for APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-29 20:08:03 UTC
From: Adam Pirkle
Topic: 557 Message: 579

I thought you guys would be interested to know that the PocketTracker
kit is available now; you can order it for $89:

http://www.byonics.com/pockettracker/

I already ordered one, and I'll post pictures and whatnot once I get
it built and set up on the bike.

If you have questions that aren't answered on their website, there's
been a bunch of PocketTracker-related discussion on the TinyTrak
Yahoo! group over the last few days.

-Adam
KE5AGK

On Wed, Mar 17, 2004 at 11:54:48PM -0700, Zeb Palmer wrote:
> Yeah, I'm friends with N7MTZ the creator of that tracker. It's been neat to
> see his radio go through different development phases. It's one impressive
> device, which has a ton of use possibilities.
>
> Once I get all the other antennas settled on my new bike I'll be getting one
> of these trackers from him and adding a gps... should make a nice setup for
> riding old roads up in the mountains.
>
> 73 de KD7EVS
>
> Zeb Palmer
> Communications Director
> The Voice of Idaho Amateur Radio Club
> http://www.voiceofidaho.org
>
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Jack R. Smith [mailto:jrsmith2@...]
> Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 12:23 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] Pocket Tracker for APRS
>
> There's a new APRS tracker out now. I've been using a TinyTrak II and a
> Radio Shack HT in a tail-trunk. Kinda bulky but it works. This little
> gadget does the same thing but is the size of an Altoids can, plus the
> antenna. Looks like it'll be perfect for Bicycle Mobile APRS. I'm
> going to be getting one soon and using with a WX2NJ Jurassic Duck (the
> antenna I'm using now with the RS/TT combo).
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> http://www.hivalueradio.com

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> 73 de KE4LWT Jack
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580. 2 meter Bicycle Mobile mag-mount antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-30 04:15:10 UTC
From: kg4rrn
Topic: 580 Message: 580

I found a great way to mount the mag-mount two meter antenna.
You get a small plastic milk crate-1/3 the size of the regular one, which can be purchased at a office supply store, or bed, bath and beyond,and I bought a metal wallboard plate made out of a metal such as a wallboard electrical line stopnail plate at the local herdware store.(it fit perfectly) It must fit the bucket or this will not work.
7 inches X 5 inches.
This was glued(epoxyed) to the top lip of the bucket, and a small gauge wire was soldiered to the plate(which has small holes in it, and run down the back of the rack support to the back wheel bolt and screwed into the threaded hole above where the back of the bike rack support is located.I have a Schwinn Road Bike ...With the plate holding the mag-mount antenna and the wire secured to the frame,as a ground plane, VSWR is 2.5, but still below 3.0 and the rig (I used an HTX-252 Radio Shack 2 meter mobile , 25 watts), similar to the FT-90,except 2 meter only, works all local repeaters in the Washington DC area within 10 miles of my QTH,
and performs fairly well and has not fallen off yet!

(I was able to bring up a repeater 40 miles away, and it was full-quieting, but the repeater antenna was 1800 feet up in the air !)
This is not true when bicycle mobile, standing still-- I swear by it)

I used this set-up of a mobile radio bracket which is wire tied above sticky glued velcro, around the handle bars first, then the bracket,
then the wire-ties, and radio normally screwed into the mobile mount.
One note, make sure you use a steel arial rod radiator, not fiberglass, which will whip your back if you are mounting a fiberglass whip(literally).
Also, the ideal dipole length is 19" give or take a couple of 1/16ths,.
Use a antenna tuner and tune it for frequency, and you are ready to go ! I also have just enough room to slip in the batteries, and the length of the coax for mounting this will have to be shortened considerably to 4 feet or less. I also wire-tied the coax thru the top of the frame , leave slack for the Rg-59 male connector, and run the coax back to the antenna , which, when the bucket is wire tied to the top of the rack also with wire-ties and has not come apart in over a year of riding...
The other purposes of using the mini-milk crate is to hold my two 7ah gell-cells, and to clip my red-light LED reflectors to the top lip, so cars can see you at night.
I tried to upload a picture, but it would not go.
this could even work on 440... waiting to see...

I don't like the idea of a ground plane antenna on a bike.
73,
Bob, KG4RRN

581. BMHA Hamvention Forum Speaker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-31 12:48:04 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 581 Message: 581

Are you attending the Dayton Hamvention? Are you interested in sharing your special project, talking about it at the BMHA forum? We need one more good person to share with the group at the Hamvention forum. It is Sunday, May 16th at 10:15 am. Please contact me and I will be sure to get you on the program.

Mike, NF0N
nf0n@...

582. Re: [BMHA] KG4RRN Pics on Website (FILE)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-03-31 17:19:30 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 582 Message: 582

ALL BMHA ,
Added 2 pictures (large jpg.) in FILE section ,of my 2- meter mobile installation.
This Radio Shack mobile is the last model sold before they quit selling them altogether.
It is the HTX-252 25 watt mobile.
I have this connected to a mag-mount antenna and 7ah gell cell in the red bucket,
lasts all day .Pictures taken at the Marine Corp Marathon.
I suggest 10 watts(LOW POWER) for repeater operation.
This is the only mag-mount I have seen...
Seen some real nice rigs and pics from others who have posted.
Bob Rice, K G 4 R R N
McLean, Virginia U.S.A.

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583. Reminder - MS150 Houston to Austin, Texas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-04-03 05:02:33 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 319 Message: 583

We would like to remind you of this upcoming event.

MS150 Houston to Austin, Texas

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2004
Time: All Day

This is a two-day, 180 mile ride

To register: www.ms150.org

To volunteer for ham radio support: kf5nd@...

584. Cheaha Challenge

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-04-12 16:02:00 UTC
From: mbs_jack
Topic: 584 Message: 584

Is there anyone going to do the Cheaha Challenge on May 2nd? I'm planning on giving it a shot, and would like some company either on the ride or on the air.

7s de KE4LWT, Jack

585. Tour de Cure for Diabetes, de N9GSU, wanna join me?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-04-26 14:01:10 UTC
From: Rick
Topic: 585 Message: 585

Hi Gang, N9GSU here.....

My partner and I are doing the Tour de Cure, ride for Diabetes, on June 5th, in Indianapolis....just wondered if any other BMHA folks might be interested in joining my team? (Or making a donation LOL)

I have set up a website where you can join my team if you'd like....or, if not, where you can make a donation if you'd like.

Seriously...I'd really like to have some other Bicycle Ham Radio Folks join us! My partner (Elaine) and I are picking up our new Tandem next weekend.....this will probably be the first group ride on it.....hope perhaps some of you can join us!

That site is: http://tinyurl.com/2ean8

73 de N9GSU

586. 2004 Dayton Hamvention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-04 02:41:45 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 586 Message: 586

BMHA Forum at Hamvention 2004!
May 16, 2004
The 14th annual BMHA forum is set for Sunday, May 16th at 10:15 am in Room 3. This is next to the location we have held the forum the last few years. We have been allocated only one hour from 10:15-11:15, but as in past years, we can meet in the hallway outside the room until time to officially meet in the room. This arrangement gives us plenty of time to socialize and exchange ideas. Russ Dwarshuis, KB8U, is our forum moderator this year. There will be some new details about the changes in BMHA and both new and old newsletters will be available. Be sure to check the BMHA Website http://www.LaFetra.com/BMHA/ for any last minute details.

The Annual Hamvention BMHA Bike Ride is on May 15th. Make plans to bring your bike and ride with us. Look for details on the BMHA website http://www.LaFetra.com/BMHA/.

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N

587. The BMHA Newsletter is now available

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-04 14:46:38 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 587 Message: 587

The latest edition of the BMHA newsletter is now available.

Paid members of BMHA have been sent the newsletter (either via eMail
or by physical mail, as they desire).

This edition of the newsletter is also available for free download at
http://www.LaFetra.com/BMHA/Timely/NewsletterNew.htm

There is information about the Dayton Hamvention, changes in the
club, and more!

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

588. Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-04 16:34:18 UTC
From: K0HB
Topic: 588 Message: 588

I'm not a BMHA member, just an old duffer who found your email list. Ride perhaps 25 miles a week on average just for exercise (the Dayton "easy 27 miles" mentioned in the online newsletter would require me to go into training for about 2 months to get ready!), don't wear spandex, ride a cheap $400 Marin "Redwood" model K0CKB bought me for my birthday couple years ago. So you can see I'm not a candidate for club membership. Hope you won't kick me off here for that.

Anyhow, here's my question. I have a Yaesu VX-5R which I carry on my belt when riding, more as a safety thing than anything else. Would like to find a small headset (earbuds, maybe) and throat mic or very small boom mic, and a PTT switch that I could velcro to the handle bar.

Anyone have a source of such a thing?

Thanks,

73 de Hans, K0HB

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http://www.home.earthlink.net/~k0hb

589. RE: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-05 11:42:14 UTC
From: Joe Hoepfner
Topic: 588 Message: 589

MFJ has those.

Joe Hoepfner
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-----Original Message-----
From: K0HB [mailto:K-Zero-HB@...]
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590. Re: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-05 15:15:41 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 588 Message: 590

Hi Joe,
I also use a Yeasu VX-5R while pedaling. I alternate between wearing mine on my belt with a pair of BNC 90° elbows so my high gain flexibla antenna won't poke me in the side and dropping it in a side pocket on my Cannondale handlebar bag. I don't have a VOX or external PTT button. I use their speaker-mic and clip it close to my shoulder (collar, hem of my reflective vest or just my tee shirt) for easy access and ability to hear the audio. VOX isn't so good due to wind and breathing. Sometimes, I will clip the mic to the map case on the handlebar bag, but in city traffic, the road noise nearly obliterates the radio. I would be a bit concerned about earbuds, etc of blocking the traffic and for some reason, the mind tends to lose concentration on traffic and focuses on the radio audio. You can tell the obvious difference in the driving behavior of those using cell phones vs those talking on radios with speakers on the receivers.

As for antennas, I am about to construct a "J-Pole" for my bike. A few friends have them and really like the results.

73,
Harry -- WD9FYF@...

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/| The optimist hopes it will change
(| The realist adjusts the sails
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From: Joe Hoepfner
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2004 06:42 AM
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591. Re: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-05 15:33:25 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 588 Message: 591

Hi Gang of BMHA,
I also use a Icom v-8(belt clipped) with a single ear headphone with a double plug so that it would be capable of being heard out in the wind--and be safe enough to hear emergency equipment behind me, I ride pretty fast.
The other day, I was riding down the road, through Tysons Corner, and near the Capitol Beltway (Rt. 495) and actually enjoyed talking on my Radio Shack (r)headphone, (Part # 21-1898) which is great for my Icom V8 HT, because I don't have to run the volume control on my HT up very much, say a 2 or 3, and then adjust the volume control on the headset box, which clips to my belt, and has the PTT swith on top of it.
It also has an added bonus which you can plug in a walkman or cd player audio to the control box through a 1/8th inch jack and listen to the radio or cd between calls.
The unit is sturdy(including the boom mic piece), (I have had this now for a year, and have used it in public service events.) and is perfectly legal to wear(in VA).
If you don't mind wearing a real headphone under your helmet that is....
Hope this helps-73,
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592. Re: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-05 16:09:44 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 588 Message: 592

----- Original Message -----
From: "Harry G. Seyfert"
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT
(snip)

I would be a bit concerned about earbuds, etc of blocking the traffic and for some reason, the mind tends to lose concentration on traffic and focuses on the radio audio. You can tell the obvious difference in the driving behavior of those using cell phones vs those talking on radios with speakers on the receivers.
(rest of message mercifully snipped)

Not a fair comparison ... not quite apples and oranges. but to do a fair comparison you need everything as close to the same on both sides except for one part (loudspeaker vs non-loudspeaker)

Folks on cellphones are running *full duplex* while those of us on ham radio are running *half duplex*. To me that is a *major* difference. When we are actually talking on our radios nobody can talk back to us. Our mind does not have to reserve a part to listen, as well as talk. All we need to do is talk (and ride/drive)

Anyway ... when I do bike mobile I use a single earphone with a latching PTT ... works for me.

Richard in Boston, MA, USA
N1JDU

593. Re: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-05 16:24:41 UTC
From: K0HB
Topic: 588 Message: 593

To get this pointed back at my query......

Does anyone know a source for a headphone/mic combo, single or dual earphone/earbud, throat or very small boom mic (with a PTT which I can mount on the handlebar) for a Yaesu VX-5 HT. I don't ride in traffic, only on biking/hiking trail system, so the notion of being unsafe on the street is a moot point.

Thanks,

de Hans, K0HB

594. RE: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-05 16:29:33 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 588 Message: 594

Pryme SPM-400 series. Available lots of places on the net for around
$30. Plus, you can get the optional remote PTT for handlebar mounting.

73 de KE4LWT Jack

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ARRL and Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

-----Original Message-----
From: K0HB [mailto:K-Zero-HB@...]
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2004 11:25 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

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595. RE: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-05 17:18:50 UTC
From: Joe Hoepfner
Topic: 588 Message: 595

Harry,

I ride too on the trail system, but sometimes on the roadways. I primarily use my Kenwood TH-7 as it is higher power and sometimes when I'm by the river on the trail, I need the higher power. I use the headset microphone that Kenwood puts out. It has one ear bud and I can adjust the mic where I want it. As for antenna, I have a bracket that I had made which attaches to the rear rack. I then put a 3/8 32 mount on that. You can get these at radio shack. I ran a 2 meter counterpoise (for ground radials) along the frame and rear forks. I then ran the coax up to the handlebar bag where I keep the radio and run it through an adapter so it will work with the SMA plug on the radio. This mounting of the antenna, now allows me to either use a 1/4 wave dual band antenna, or I can use a single band antenna. I went this route, as I thought that someday, I might like to try bicycle hf and having a 32x3/8 mount, I'd be able to put a hamstick or similar antenna on the bike.

As for what you are looking for, I have seen them in the most recent MFJ catalog. They have them with earbud mics, throat mics, boom mics, just about any type for any radio that you want.

I'd check with them first.

Joe Hoepfner
1612 Scoggin St
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319-266-0270

-----Original Message-----
From: Harry G. Seyfert [mailto:wd9fyf@...]
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2004 10:16 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Hi Joe,
I also use a Yeasu VX-5R while pedaling. I alternate between wearing mine on my belt with a pair of BNC 90° elbows so my high gain flexibla antenna won't poke me in the side and dropping it in a side pocket on my Cannondale handlebar bag. I don't have a VOX or external PTT button. I use their speaker-mic and clip it close to my shoulder (collar, hem of my reflective vest or just my tee shirt) for easy access and ability to hear the audio. VOX isn't so good due to wind and breathing.
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----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Hoepfner
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2004 06:42 AM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

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-----Original Message-----
From: K0HB [mailto:K-Zero-HB@...]
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2004 11:34 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

I'm not a BMHA member, just an old duffer who found your email list.
Ride
perhaps 25 miles a week on average just for exercise (the Dayton "easy
27

miles" mentioned in the online newsletter would require me to go into training for about 2 months to get ready!), don't wear spandex, ride a cheap $400 Marin "Redwood" model K0CKB bought me for my birthday couple
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596. Re: [BMHA] Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-05 18:02:30 UTC
From: Rudy Marcelletti, K8SWD
Topic: 588 Message: 596

Use a hydro pack and clip your little HT (VX5, VX2, FT50, etc) to the shoulder strap. My hydro pack has horizontal loops on the shoulder strap for routing the drink hose through--use the other side. One ear phone works well as does a speaker mic clipped high on shoulder. I use this set up off-road and on-road. It works much better than on my belt (I have fallen on my VX5 before--it hurts) or in a bag on the bike.
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597. Re: Mobiling with an HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-06 14:41:29 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 588 Message: 597

I run a VX-7 mobile all the time. The rig is only off the bike when being charged.
The rig fits onto an adapted fork type mic bracket using the button on the back to hold it in place. The rig is also kept in it's case.
I used a single earphone headset with a boom mic with a fitted wind shield (foam)
The headset's PTT control also has a socket for an external PTT switch. This switch is mounted near the right hand handlebar grip withing easy reach of my thumb.

The antenna is a Diamond Dual bander fitted to a home brew bracket on the rear rack.

I have great reports with this set up. I'm told that audio quality is very good.

As others have said, I wouldn't recommend ear buds. A single ear is fine, as it keeps the other ear open so you can hear what's going on around you.

One small hint for bike mobile operation. Set your time out timer!
I've done this, but only after blocking my local 2M repeater for 1/2 hour. I accidently hit PTT without realising and blocked the repeater. Strong signals could get through, but I blocked it for most :(

It didn't go down well! :)
Since then I've set a TOT to put the rig back into RX after 90 seconds. It's saved my bacon a few times since then :)

Darren
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598. BMHA Website updates -- Index of newsletters, survey, and more

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-17 03:04:43 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 598 Message: 598

For those who are interested, we have updated the BMHA website at
http://www.LaFetra.com/BMHA

A major new resource is that we now have a searchable on-line index
of every article in the entire 47-issue history of the BMHA
Newsletter. Customized views include:
* Listing of every article in a specific issue
* Listing of articles by topic
* Listing of articles by author's callsign
* Listing of articles by author's name
In addition, you can list all articles sorted by any of the criteria
above.

There are also thumbnail previews of each page.

If this is not sufficient reason to go visit the website, perhaps we
can "sweeten the pot" by giving you an opportunity to take the
newest BMHA survey (and view the results-to-date in realtime).

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

600. Updated images of the newsletters

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-05-17 20:01:00 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 600 Message: 600

In response to feedback (already the new survey on the BMHA website is producing results), We have changed the newsletter images.

We increased the size (and decreased the quality) of the newsletter page images which are displayed by the interactive article index.

The issue is one of image size and server space. This new tradeoff (larger image, but lower quality) results in something which is easier to read.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

601. Re: Updated images of the newsletters

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-03 22:18:46 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 600 Message: 601

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "slafetra" <BMHA-Webmaster@L...> wrote:
> We increased the size (and decreased the quality) of the newsletter
> page images which are displayed by the interactive article index.

We have now increased the quality of the newsletter page images on
the website. You should now be able to look up an article and read
it fairly comfortably.

http://www.lafetra.com/BMHA/Newsletter/Newsletters.htm

We are still working on putting top-quality (megabyte sized) images
onto a newsletter CD. Stay tuned for more details.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

602. Introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-04 01:02:44 UTC
From: Pierre-Philippe Coupard
Topic: 602 Message: 602

Hello everybody,

My name is Pierre, I just joined the BMHA group. I'm car-less and I live in an apparment right downtown, therefore I do most of my "real" hamming (that is, when I don't do cw over the internet) using my bike, either while cycling, or bringing my mobile station into the trailer, in some remove high spot around my neck of the wood, where I set it for the day. My interests include ELF, HF and laser. When I'm out there, I can usually be found on 10m qrpp.

Well, that's it for the introduction.

73 de Pierre F8EJF

603. Re: [BMHA] Introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-04 14:36:29 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 602 Message: 603

Welcome to BMHA Pierre,

Being carless is actually a good thing. If you've ever seen an issue of Adventure Cycling you've seen several who get along quite well. I've done 2-meter on the bike, but I've never done CW...yet. I know a truck driver who does CW on the run. He has a paddle that attaches to his wrist with velcro and his is able to shift gears and chat at the same time.

Hope to hear from you again.

73 de Scott Laughlin, N7NET
Allen Texas

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604. Bienvenue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-04 19:52:12 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 604 Message: 604

Bienvenue, Pierre!
I cycle tour around France at least every other year,
although next year I am planning to ride the End to
End in the UK. My brother owns a place near Calais and
I usually base myself there. In 2001 I took a 5w 10m
HT with me but was unable to work anybody from there
with my whip. Next time I'll take a Buddipole, but I
wondered how much 10m activity there was there. I
realize there aren't many hams in the Pas-de-Calais!

72, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

> Message: 2
> Date: Fri, 04 Jun 2004 03:02:44 +0200
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> <pcoupard@...>
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605. Re: [BMHA] Bienvenue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-04 21:10:07 UTC
From: Pierre-Philippe Coupard
Topic: 604 Message: 605

Hi Barry,

Barry Bogart wrote:
> In 2001 I took a 5w 10m
> HT with me but was unable to work anybody from there
> with my whip.

I sometimes use a RCI-2950 with a 5/8 whip + fake ground attachment mounted way back at the rear of the bike, to do 10m, but I find it's not very effective at all. Particularly, over 2 or 3 Watts, I seem to get a lot of RF feedback, so that the whomever I qso with gets a loud EEEEK when I press the ptt. The coax and antenna are tuned properly, so I reckon the rtx is just too close to the antenna on a bike. No problem in CW however :-)

But it's just not effective, so I've given up on that. What I do now is lug my mobile station (which is a big waterproof box with all my gear in it, a foldable table, foldable chair, a foldable tripod and mast, and a 1/2 wave antenna) in my trailer up some remote hill, settle down for a day and do my hamming in good conditions, under the big blue sky, until the battery runs out.

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> wondered how much 10m activity there was there. I
> realize there aren't many hams in the Pas-de-Calais!

10m activity is a little anecdotic around here, nothing like 40m. But you can find decent enough activity when there's good propagation.

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Date: 2004-06-04 21:34:29 UTC
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Topic: 602 Message: 606

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> Being carless is actually a good thing. If you've ever seen an issue of
> Adventure Cycling you've seen several who get along quite well.

It's a lot easier here in ole Europe. When I was living in Utah, I wasn't carless because it was quite impossible practically, but I tried to use the car as little as possible, and it wasn't very convenient.

> I've done 2-meter on the bike, but I've never done CW...yet. I know a truck
> driver who does CW on the run. He has a paddle that attaches to his
> wrist with velcro and his is able to shift gears and chat at the same time.

My solution to do CW on the move on my bike was to hack my Shimano XT brake/shifter combo levers (http://tinyurl.com/2b4o2): you normally shift by moving the brake lever up and down with those, but if you depress the levers lightly, they'll move down 2/3mm without shifting because of the normal play in the shifting mechanism inside.

What I did was glue a switch under each lever, and connect them to the iambic keyer. Then I could tap the brake levers and do dahs on the right side, and dits on the left side. It worked quite well, and I could key up to 20wpm reliably on flat roads. The only trouble was that it was sending garbage when downshifting, but that wasn't really a problem because I found it quite hard to do CW on anything but long flat stretches of empty roads anyway.

A friend of mine has a Hi-Mound MK-706 paddle mounted on his right bullhorn, with the springs tensioned to the max, and a lot of spacing in the contacts to compensate for road shocks, but it doesn't seem to work as well. His solution is a lot less expensive than mine however, Shimano XT brake/shifter levers go for EUR 150 around here.

73 de Pierre F8EJF

607. From Steel to aluminum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-05 21:16:24 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 607 Message: 607

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Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)goqrp.co.uk

608. Re: [BMHA] From Steel to aluminum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 00:50:56 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 607 Message: 608

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609. Re: [BMHA] From Steel to aluminum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 00:12:45 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 607 Message: 609

Hi Darren,

Changing from steel to aluminum. I don't have any personal experience, but they tell me it rides rougher, less give, they say. But, if I were you I would contact the technical editor, John Schubert, at Adventure Cycling. His email address is: (schubley@...). I'm certain he covered that subject a couple of years ago.

Good luck at whatever you decide. Keep us posted.

73 de Scott, N7NET
Allen Texas

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610. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 262

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 04:49:05 UTC
From: Yahoo email
Topic: 610 Message: 610

Now THAT is a very cool idea. I am planning to get a tandem to use with my girlfriend, who is my height. So I figure I can get a lot of operating time while I am the stoker!

72, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

PS: where do you find long flat stretches in France? Not on the D routes I have seen!

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611. Re: [BMHA] Magmount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 03:34:40 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 607 Message: 611

For Bob Rice,

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612. Re: From Steel to aluminum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 06:39:14 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 607 Message: 612

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, ROBERT A RICE <mrrobertarice1@j...> wrote:
> Darren,
> Make sure you get a nice rack mount, and a very stable antenna.

Thanks Bob. I will use my existing rack as my antenna mount bolts directly to it and is very stable indeed.
I normally run just on V/Uhf with my VX-7R. A waterproof rig is a must for bicycle mobile in the UK :)

A do take my FT-817 out with my ATX driveabout antenna. This works well and the antenna is solid.

I'm more worried about the ground effect of aluminium.
Is steel a better ground than aluminium? I know that antennas are made from aluminium, due to weight, but how does it compare to steel for being a decent ground?

I doubt if this will affect my V/UHF working, but it could make a difference to HF operation.

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613. Re: [BMHA] Re: From Steel to aluminum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 07:05:07 UTC
From: Mark J. Dulcey
Topic: 607 Message: 613

Darren wrote:
>
> I'm more worried about the ground effect of aluminium.
> Is steel a better ground than aluminium? I know that antennas are made
> from aluminium, due to weight, but how does it compare to steel for
> being a decent ground?

The aluminum itself will work fine as a ground. The metal itself is a significantly better conductor than steel, though not as good as copper (or silver, which is better still) for a given gauge of wire or whatever. Either is likely to be much better than a carbon fiber frame; the carbon itself is a reasonably good conductor, but the resins that bind it together are not.

Some resistivity figures for bicycle frame materials, from http://hypertextbook.com/physics/electricity/resistance/ -- these are in nanoohms.

Aluminum 26.5
Steel (plain) 180
Steel (stainless) 720
Titanium 390

The problem with aluminum is getting a good electrical connection to it. Aluminum oxide, which forms readily as a skin on anything made of aluminum, is an excellent insulator -- its resistance is 10^14 ohms (for the same units of material as the resistances in NANOohms above!) Attempts to use aluminum for home wiring have suffered from this problem; quite a few fires have been caused when large amounts of current were run through junctions that turned into insulators.

I don't have any suggestions readily at hand for doing this. I only do VHF on my (aluminum) bicycle, and I use a 1/2 wave antenna, which is supposed to be ground-independent.

614. Re: From Steel to aluminum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 09:22:53 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 607 Message: 614

Thanks Mark for the in depth reply. I will take special heed of the warning about Aluminium Oxide. I used to suffer this problem years back on my 11M antennas.

> though not as good as copper
> (or silver, which is better still)

I thought of a silver bike but it might be a little too heavy and expensive :)

I wasn't sure if aluminium was a better conductor than steel. I know now.

I think that my mind is made up.

Darren
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615. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 262

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 10:36:27 UTC
From: Pierre-Philippe Coupard
Topic: 610 Message: 615

Yahoo email wrote:
> PS: where do you find long flat stretches in France? Not on the D routes I
> have seen!

Where I live, there's the Canal du Midi (http://tinyurl.com/2dekq).
The old barge-pulling paths on each side of the canal are now used as
cycle paths, and around the city of Toulouse, there's a 80km stretch
that's been covered with asphalt. It's very flat (save for when the
canal changes altitude at the locks) and quite desert during weekdays.

616. Re: [BMHA] Re: From Steel to aluminum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 12:07:08 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 607 Message: 616

Hello Darren,
In reply to your last post, I believe a aluminum ground plane is more effective, however, steel is harder and more stable under high wind loads.
I have a aluminum ground plane here at the QTH, and it has worked well for
the past years.
I suggest you use whatever gets the signal to propagate better, whether it be a j-pole,
tower vertical, ground plane, yagi, beam, or discone.
This is the part of the hobby that I love, because it is exciting to see which frequencies work best on which antenna.
73,
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617. RE: [BMHA] Re: From Steel to aluminum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 06:55:00 UTC
From: NA4FM (Buck)
Topic: 607 Message: 617

I am no expert, but with steel having a higher resistance level, I think
aluminum will be a better ground material.

Buck

NA4FM

> -----Original Message-----
> From: Darren [mailto:gw7hoc@...]
> Sent: Sunday, June 06, 2004 2:39 AM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: From Steel to aluminum
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, ROBERT A RICE
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618. Re: [BMHA] Magmount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 13:12:22 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 607 Message: 618

For N7NET:
Yes it is-- a steel whip 19", and has a very strong magnet.
see file pic.
I used it for the Marine Corps. Marathon last year, with a 25 watt Radio Shack 2 meter mobile rig powered by a 7 ah gel-cell. Works great, but the weight from the battery in the plastic box is the main problem.
The weight from the battery tends to slow you down, but lasts all day.
It also attached a grounding wire from the lightweight conductive wallboard plate to the top of the plastic box(this is the metal ground plane), sealed with epoxy, and I ran a separate ground wire to the frame.
I believe this is what make it radiate so well, but it probably is directional.
It is a steel bike road bike but with aluminum parts and wheels.
It is one of the most lightweight road bikes Schwinn ever made, and is 30 years old.
A VX-7 sounds perfect for the average BM enthusiast.
I wonder about battery power though......
It would be interesting to try a antenna experiment to see who could build an external all-mode antenna which would propogate on 10m-6m-2m-and 70 cm .
Next, we should try to see what kind of radios-old and new work the best.
73 ALL,
Bob,KG4RRN
On Sat, 5 Jun 2004 20:34:40 -0700 (PDT) scott laughlin <n7net@...> writes:
> For Bob Rice,
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619. VX-7 battery life WAS Re: Magmount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 14:59:07 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 607 Message: 619

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, ROBERT A RICE <mrrobertarice1@j...> wrote:

> A VX-7 sounds perfect for the average BM enthusiast.
> I wonder about battery power though......

I do a 12 mile bike ride most days. It takes me exactly an hour to do.
For most of the time I am ragchewing on the local repeaters.

My battery last for at least two rides before it needs charging, and
that's running 5 watts.

That not bad for a battery the size of a box of matches :)
I can run a 7Ah battery but I rarely need to. The big battery only
comes out when I'm running my Palm GPS system or I'm going on an
extended ride.
I sometimes use it to power the bikes lights if I'm going off road or
county lanes at night. I don't do this very often. Too energetic for me :)

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620. Bicycling in France

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-06 22:08:47 UTC
From: dl3naa
Topic: 610 Message: 620

Hi!

You can also travel at the river Rhine where the ways are also very flat and it is fun to bicycle! Between Wissembourg and Bale (HB9) it is about 200 km way only for cycles and so you see a lot of interesting towns in alsace (Strasbourg being the most famous).
It is also a good region for being Bicycling mobile as there are a lot of repeaters in France and Germany which can be easily reached (on 144 and 430 Mhz).

Have fun!

Peter DL3NAA

621. Re: Bicycle Hams in NYC Area

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-07 21:56:25 UTC
From: Charles J. Hargrove
Topic: 472 Message: 621

The MS Bike Tour for 2004 is on October 17, 2004.
The route goes from NYC through Northern NJ to Rockland County
and back around to NYC. The top distance is 100 miles.
If you know of any other that are interested, please contact me
at n2nov@... or call 718-876-7929. Thanks.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "charles hingston" <cehingston@m...>
wrote:
> I LIVE IN CORTLAND, NY UPSTATE MAYBE I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE GIVE
ME
> THE TIME AND DATE I'LL SEE IF I CAN BE THERE.
>
> CAHRLIE

622. new to the group

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-08 17:29:28 UTC
From: Glenn
Topic: 607 Message: 622

I'm Glenn, KC4SJU, in Kill Devil Hills, NC. I'm new to the group, and looking for pointers and tips to get started using my 2meter handheld (HTX 202) with a bicycle. I haven't even bought a bike yet. I'm not much of a solderer, so I'll even need help with that part of the setup if a setup requires it (I know, I need more hands on experience...)

I also have a 10 meter mobile, (HTX 10) but that rig would likely be too hard to mount onto a bike, let alone finding a way to power it.

If anyone can help point me in the right direction, I'd appreciate it

Glenn

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623. QRV from Liechtenstein (HB0) from bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 06:15:37 UTC
From: dl3naa
Topic: 623 Message: 623

Hi!

I will be QRV from HB0 with my bicycle station (20m/CW with 2W) today
and tomorrow and hope to work some people from this group.

73!

Peter DL3NAA

624. Re: [BMHA] QRV from Liechtenstein (HB0) from bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 11:30:44 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 623 Message: 624

Peter,

Tell us about your radio and antenna.

Maybe everyone else knows, but I don't.

73, Scott, n7net

dl3naa <dl3naa@...> wrote:
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625. Re: [BMHA] new to the group

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 11:36:04 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 607 Message: 625

Glenn,

Welcome. There's lots of help available. Soldering? Start soldering pieces of wire together. You'll get the hang of what causes the joint to look frosty or shiney.

73 de Scott, n7net
Allen Texas

ps - Any notion as to where the name Kill Devil Hill came from?

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626. Re: [BMHA] QRV from Liechtenstein (HB0) from bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 13:27:12 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 623 Message: 626

DID I see someone wrote they would CW from a bicycle??????
haha', I doubt it is while riding.
SB(shaky business)....
KG4RRN
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 13:55:38 UTC
From: Glenn
Topic: 607 Message: 627

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628. battery question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 14:02:21 UTC
From: Glenn
Topic: 607 Message: 628

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629. Re: [BMHA] battery question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 14:17:18 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 607 Message: 629

I got two new AA packs direct from Radio Shack parts just a couple of months ago.

Richard N1JDU
----- Original Message -----
From: "Glenn" <obx_transplant@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2004 10:02 AM
Subject: [BMHA] battery question

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630. Re: [BMHA] battery question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 15:03:38 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 607 Message: 630

Nr. Nicad

They use to be good for it. They have all kinds of aftermarket packs. They have their own aftermarket moldings created.

S. Earl Jarosh
N0HZ (ex. KA0VYB) No Hertz, No Gain

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631. Re: [BMHA] QRV from Liechtenstein (HB0) from bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 17:15:10 UTC
From: Pierre-Philippe Coupard
Topic: 623 Message: 631

ROBERT A RICE wrote:
> DID I see someone wrote they would CW from a bicycle??????
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CW while riding is perfectly possible, although not with a regular paddle or key, and probably not with a non-suspended bike. You'd be surprised what a full-suspension downhill MTB with 2.50" tires at 35 PSI can do on normal road surfaces :-) Good thing the tire knobs make rolling noise, otherwise you'd think the bike doesn't actually touch the ground.

73 de Pierre F8EJF

632. Re: [BMHA] new to the group

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 23:02:51 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 607 Message: 632

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633. Re: [BMHA] QRV from Liechtenstein (HB0) from bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-09 15:06:53 UTC
From: Leonard Revelle
Topic: 623 Message: 633

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634. Re: [BMHA] QRV from Liechtenstein (HB0) from bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-10 01:35:08 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 623 Message: 634

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-10 17:25:45 UTC
From: Glenn
Topic: 607 Message: 636

Thanks for the reply!

The repeaters in this area might not require me to have a huge antenna, and I've even considered the possibility of one of those vests that has a "chest" pocket" for a radio.

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Topic: 607 Message: 637

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The trip was daily and about twenty minutes in length (I think one of the BMHA newsletters may have that account.

The cyclist carried a 2-meter in his jacket pocket. The antenna was a rubber duck fittled to his helmet. Each morning we learned where the homeless had moved, who was new to the group, and who was missing. Of course, Harry, KA7YNB (or was it nyb?), lived for this daily window to the outside world. And so did I.

None of us ever broke in--and there were many of us listeners--because this was Harry's priviate, one-on-one time. Harry is gone now, but his memory lives on.

73, Scott, N7NET

Glenn <obx_transplant@...> wrote:
Thanks for the reply!

The repeaters in this area might not require me to
have a huge antenna, and I've even considered the
possibility of one of those vests that has a "chest"
pocket" for a radio.

No train tracks on the Outer Banks, and the only
"dangerous" bumps would be speed bumps in some of the
parking lots. So vibration shouldn't be much of a
problem here.

As for the grounding of the antenna, I may see if
someone here can help me with that, as I never learned
how to solder, and my knowledge of antennas is
limited. I'd like to learn, I'm just afraid I'm going
to fry components somewhere lol

--- "Harry G. Seyfert" <wd9fyf@...> wrote:
> Hello Glenn,
> I used a HTX-202 for some time. I had two methods.
> First, was to put it in a side-pocket of my
> Cannondale handle bar bag and use a speaker-mic.
> The other, was more detailed and the pieces came by
> way of a couple events. First, I bought a Radio

> Shack bicycle radio that mounted at the center of
> the handle bar by way of an included bracket. After
> passing over just a few local railroad crossings,
> the radio became permanently separated from the
> bracket. At a ham-fest, I found a bracket for
> holding a cell phone that could be affixed to the
> radio bracket. It holds the radio quite well and in
> a position for viewing the display. I took extra
> measures and applied an old velcro-type pant leg
> strap around the radio and cell phone holder to keep
> it in place. However, the rigid mounting and my
> preference for a high gain flexible antenna causes
> the female center connecter of the BNC to wobble
> open or nearly so.
>
> As for the 10m rig, I have a friend who operates
> bicycle mobile with one of those small, 25W 2m rigs
> mounted to his bike and powers up with a small
> motorcycle battery and has a charger at home to keep
> it going. I have not yet seen his actual mounting
> yet, but have worked him several times. Be sure to
> make very good, tight electrical connections and be
> sure the ground side of the system has a good
> connection with the frame!
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> 73,
> Harry, WD9FYF
>
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638. Anyone in Pittsburg?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-11 18:30:04 UTC
From: barry_bogart
Topic: 638 Message: 638

If so, please contact me directly at

barry_bogart@...

73, Barry
KD7IGX

639. About my bicycle-station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-12 21:08:45 UTC
From: dl3naa
Topic: 623 Message: 639

> Peter,
> Tell us about your radio and antenna.
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73!
Peter DL3NAA

640. RE: [BMHA] About my bicycle-station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-12 21:56:40 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 623 Message: 640

Peter,

Very nice set-up!!!

73 de KE4LWT Jack

EM53tl

ARRL and Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

-----Original Message-----
From: dl3naa [mailto:dl3naa@...]
Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2004 4:09 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] About my bicycle-station

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641. Re: [BMHA] About my bicycle-station

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-12 22:07:54 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 623 Message: 641

Peter,

Thanks so much for sharing the pictures and text with us. You have done some interesting travels.

73, Scott
Allen, Texas USA

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642. Another Newbie

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-12 22:10:16 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 642 Message: 642

Hi Everyone, boy was I excited to find this group! My name is Lauriann Bradford and I currently have a Kenwood TH-F6A hh that I have mounted to my Pogliaghi upright. I have a MFJ boom mic and the ptt switch attaches on my handle bars right near my right brake lever. I have run a Hustler 150 whip antenna, but forget whether it is a 5/8 or 1/2". I am still trying to understand antennas and am a pretty new ham. I am currently a tech, but have passed the theory test for general and am studying the code and extra class theory. I haven't spent a lot of time studying because I have so many "irons in the fire" right now. I figure I'll be spending a great deal of time learning about the things on tests that I pass. I like code and am looking forward to getting into hf so I can send cw.

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643. Re: [BMHA] Another Newbie

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-13 12:22:56 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 642 Message: 643

Laurianne,
Welcome to the group.
There are bicycle mobile hams all over the world who belong to this group.
I hope you find a good radio, the best antenna, a headset mic/earphone, and best of all, many contacts.
I read your story and appreciate your strength in your many difficulties, but this is the point I wish to emphasize, is that perseverence makes people stronger, not weaker.
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-14 11:55:04 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 642 Message: 644

Laurianne,
I agree with Bob, very inspiring story.
And welcome to the world of pedalling and talking. I have been at it since 98 and still enjoy it.
I am a new/old member of the group. I had dropped my old yahoo id and just recently signed back up.
I ride a Lemond wayzata road bike with all my junk in a pack on a bike rack with a plain old mfj 5/8 base loaded nmo mount antenna mounted back on the rear of the rack. It works really well for 2m. I also have a shorter dual band nmo mount antenna that I use some and it also works well.
I just finished up my 4th Tour de Cure here in the central TN area and am looking forward to the ms150 in october, this will be my 3rd one of those. And I tote all the radio stuff with me. I have managed to cut the weight down on it though.
My radio lately is an old standard dual band that doesn't work on uhf except receive only. So I use the 2m side. I butchered it up so I can operate different batt. packs on it if needed and have a premier headset/boom mic and home made ptt switch on the handle bars that works out really nice.
Many of the hams in this area help with the charity rides and I enjoy listening in and talking to them as I ride. And many times I am able to help fellow riders by calling the sags directly.
Thanks for the story, and welcome.
Jim wb4ofm

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645. HF Net?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-27 21:03:34 UTC
From: Luis
Topic: 645 Message: 645

Hey folks....

Even though most of my bike hamming is on the VHF and UHF bands (2m and 70cm), I was wondering if there was an HF net for us biking hams. I mean just about every group out there from Alcoholics to Zionists and everyone else in between has a 20m net... Why not us?

Something to add to our radio fun? Why not?!?!?

Luis KD5KJD

P.S. I'm adding HF hamming to my bike in the near future. Photos before and after will be posted.

646. Re: [BMHA] HF Net?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-27 22:13:11 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 645 Message: 646

Luis,

Being NCS would be a grueling experience. I suppose the NCS could put the net on tape and transcribe it to a log sheet later.

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Scott, N7NET

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647. RE: [BMHA] HF Net?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-27 23:34:45 UTC
From: Zeb Palmer
Topic: 645 Message: 647

I don't know... NCS could be on a tricycle, stationary. That is, if you wanted to be 100% /BM.

Or, what I've done quite a bit on 6m and 2m. park the bike near a picnic table put your longest cord on.

~Zeb

-----Original Message-----
From: scott laughlin [mailto:n7net@...]
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2004 4:13 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] HF Net?

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648. Re: HF Net?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-06-28 17:26:02 UTC
From: Luis
Topic: 645 Message: 648

Ok Folks...

What I was thinking was of a Sunday afternoon net on 20 meter phone in the General portion of the band. I was thinking maybe a convenient time like 1800 eastern, 1700 central, 1500 pacific, 2300 UTC...

IF there folks who have bike HF all the better, but not required. Transmit from your base station! Use a friend's station, a club station, or some other station, just check in! Even automobile mobile counts!

We'd need a frequency, a couple of folks to volunteer to be net control ops (I volunteer from here in Houston, Texas) and just the membership to check in! I know we're a small group. But why not? We could even make it a monthly event, put it on our calendar and go for it. As we'd grow, we'd consider making it a bi-montly net? <gasp> Even... a weekly net? Dare I dream? LOL

And as for those who wonder what I run at home, in the truck and on my bike, I'll tell you and then I'll ask for my photos to added to the site. Ok?

Shack: ICOM 146PRO with an ICOM 718 (back-up HF rig), ICOM 2720, Heil mikes and/or Heil headsets, Hustler 5BTV and G5RV antennas and various loops for VHF+ SSB.

Truck: ICOM 706MKII-G, Heil mobile mikes and/or headsets, Screwdriver for HF, Loops for 6m SSB, 2m SSB, and 70cm SSB.

Truck: ICOM 2720 FM dualbander, Comet SBB5NMO

EasyRacers Sport recumbent bicycle: ICOM W32A dualbander HT or ICOM T81A quadbander HT, Pryme speaker mike or headset, and Larsen baseloaded dualband antenna.

*** Coming Soon!!! ***
For the bike I plan on an ICOM 703 QRP rig or another 706. It will be powered by a 12v 18ah SLA battery. The antenna will be a portable screwdriver, maybe MFJ's.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Luis" <kd5kjd@y...> wrote:
> Hey folks....
>
> Even though most of my bike hamming is on the VHF and UHF bands (2m
> and 70cm), I was wondering if there was an HF net for us biking
> hams. I mean just about every group out there from Alcoholics to

> Zionists and everyone else in between has a 20m net... Why not us?
>
> Something to add to our radio fun? Why not?!?!?
>
> Luis KD5KJD
>
> P.S. I'm adding HF hamming to my bike in the near future. Photos
> before and after will be posted.

649. article on using internet gateways

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-07-19 06:42:26 UTC
From: ian abel
Topic: 649 Message: 649

article on using internet gateways

you are welcome to publish it in your club newsletter

the article can be downloaded from

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi/Gateways.doc

73 Ian G3ZHI

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi - many ham radio links
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650. West coast bike tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-07-19 21:29:17 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 650 Message: 650

I'll be cycling with the YL (on a tandem) down to the Oregon coast from Vancouver/Victoria BC, from roughly August 16th to 30th. I'll be on APRS and monitoring voice on 144.39, CTSS 100 while enroute. I am taking a Tokyo Hypower HT-750 and will be on 50.125 or the SSB QRP frequencies on 15 and 40, but only when stationary for a while. It would be nice to meet some biker hams along the way, at least on the radio. I know there are a couple of BMHA members in Portland, where I will be around the 28th/29th. You should be able to spot me on http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?kd7igx*

72, Barry
KD7IGX

651. worldwide echolink bicycle net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-07-21 07:02:03 UTC
From: ian abel
Topic: 651 Message: 651

anyone wish to join in a world wide
net on echolink for hams who are out cycling

i work echolink and irlp everyday while out cycling
and talk to hams all over the world

dieter kx4y cycles 10 miles daily and can be found operating at 1100z
on the irlp reflector 9200 using a ht

i talk to him most day while i am also either on my bike or cycling

come and join us

73 Ian G3ZHI

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi - many ham radio links
http://www.ukirlp.co.uk

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652. Pictures-KG4RRN

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-07-27 22:55:02 UTC
From: BOB
Topic: 652 Message: 652

Thanks again to W2PW for re-posting the appropriate sized pictures.
And , Yes, I do have an announcement. MY NEW WEBSITE !!!!
type in www.kg4rrn.us/ and see my new site.
This site costs an unbelievable $11.00 a month, and it is from the
same people whom this discussion group is based -Yahoo !
Take Care, don't crash and 73 ALL !
Bob Rice, KG4RRN
PS The Marine Corp Marathon is on Halloween this year- yep October
31st ....

653. RE: [BMHA] Pictures-KG4RRN

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-07-28 00:29:39 UTC
From: Zeb Palmer
Topic: 652 Message: 653

You are right, 11.00 is unbelievable.. high! 15 per year domain name plus 1.99 - linux or 2.99 - windows hosting accounts is about what most would be paying per month. Otherwise, nice site.

Zeb
KD7EVS
www.voiceofidaho.org

-----Original Message-----
From: BOB [mailto:mrrobertarice1@...]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2004 4:55 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Pictures-KG4RRN

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654. BMHA: Some of you are not getting email notifications

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-07-30 01:02:15 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 654 Message: 654

Team:

Some of you are not receiving email that you signed up for from this discussion list. This happens to people who use "challenge/response" systems to reduce the SPAM they receive.

I'd like to take the time to remind people that challenge/response systems do not work well with mailing lists.

When challenges such as the example below are received, you will not receive a response (both because I won't but more importantly because I can't. Mail from me comes from ME and not the discussion list and is not accepted by the challenge/response system.)

If you do not use a challenge/response service, then you should have no problem.

Example:

ATTENTION!
A message you recently sent to a 0Spam.com user with the subject "Welcome to BMHA" was not delivered because they are using the 0Spam.com anti-spam service. Please click the link below to confirm that this is not spam. When you confirm, this message and all future messages you send will automatically be accepted.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

655. New bike, new problems

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-07-30 18:21:17 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 655 Message: 655

I had a new bike for my Birthday.
It's a Land Rover Freelander, yes I know it's also the name of a 4X4 :) Land Rover have decided it's time that they got back to building bike, though these new bikes are built by someone else and badged as Land Rover.

It's a great bike for the money and being aluminium it's a lot lighter than the old bike. This new biks has C700 wheels too which being bigger than the usual 26 inch wheel makes riding much easier.

I have spent the best part of the day trying to fit a rear rack and the antenna to it. This is done now, but it's taken me hours. I still have to run the coax from the antenna mount to the rig mount, and I have to wire up a new box for the head-set and PTT.

I have decided that I only want one cable running from me to the bike as opposed to two. This is causing me problems. I now have to work out how to switch the VX-7R into TX. I'm fairly sure that if I just connect the PTT in parallel with the right connections then this will be OK as the resitive switching circuit in the headset will still do the job... I'm hoping that this is the case. If I get this sorted, it will be much better from the riders point of view, and it will be much neater.
If and when I get it finshed, I'll post a few pics of the installation
I'll spend a good chunk of tomorrow getting the job done. Hopefully it will be done in time for Sunday morning when I have a nice 20 Mile ride planned. That'll be a good test for the bike, not to mention the rider :)

I'll let you know how I get on.

Darren
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656. Great bike, poor signal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-02 22:19:29 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 656 Message: 656

Well the new bike is now wired up. An almost identical set up to the last bike.

I've just done my normal 10 mile night ride and I was struggling to get heard through my local repeaters. Signals were a good 2 S points down on receive and I often fell out of the repeaters. This meant changing between repeaters quite often. Normally I go on one and stay there.

Could this be due to the new bike being aluminium? I wouldn't have thought so, as aluminium is a better conductor than steel, but it's the only thing that has really changed.
Rig, antenna location, set up etc all alomost identical to the previous bike.

The bike is great, so much better than the old one. It's a shame about the readio performance.
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Any ideas?

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657. Re: [BMHA] Great bike, poor signal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-02 23:44:31 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 656 Message: 657

Hello Darren,
One consideration is your antenna.
Are your contact points tight between your coax and the antenna and are they connected properly.
I found that with my road - bike mobile on 2 meters, I must have a ground going from the magnetic mount to the plate on the back rack.
This mount plate is then wired (joined electrically to the frame of the bike by the wheel and screwed into the frame.
I also found that SWR's as well as signal is degraded by the mobile movement of your bike over hilly terrain.
A excellent antenna is one that the solid core is transmitting the electrical energy into RF and is sheilded by a grounding cable from the coax or directly at the piont of contact of the base of the antenna itself to ground, meaning your tires.
As is the case with most installations, the RF energy is bled off of the frame of the bicycle and rarely reaches real ground.
In HF situations, it is difficult at best to have a transmit load of correct capacitance while the bicycle is in motion.
Therefore, operations while a bicycle is stationary and a ground rod is inserted into the ground are preferred.
The size of most antennas for HF propogation for screwdriver type which take a lot of room and are difficult to operate with and ride at the same time.
Some manage to create antennas which are of correct capacity for the load of the transmitted frequency, but have such poor grounding that the create High SWR's
which are not desireable for the transmittter, causing it to either stop propogating or burning out internal transmitter elements, including the final amplifier in most radios.
Marine and aircraft style antennas offer the best hope for the bicycle mobilist,
since they do not require a ground plane.

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658. Re: [BMHA] Great bike, poor signal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-03 02:58:32 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 656 Message: 658

Hello Darren,
I re-read your previous posting. Just an idea to check out. It sounds to me you are mounting your antenna to the rear rack. Check your mounting connections from the rack to the frame. If you are using the rack as a ground plane for the antenna, you may find the electrical / rf ground between the rack and the frame to be either incomplete or inadequate. Currently, I use a 5/8 wave flexible antenna mounted to the H/T (VX-5R), but plan to go for a J-Pole at the rear of the bike.

Harry, WD9FYF
----- Original Message -----
From: Darren
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2004 17:19
Subject: [BMHA] Great bike, poor signal

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659. Re: Great bike, poor signal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-03 06:56:58 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 656 Message: 659

Thanks Robert and Harry for your replies.

The antenna is mounted identically to the previous installation, though on an aluminium rack not a steel one.

I'm beginning to think that it's a grounding problem. It looks OK but electrically it might not be sound.

I think that I'm only grounding to the rack and not the whole bike.

It was quite late when I got back last night, and jumping into the shower was more important than having a real good look at the bike.

I have plenty of time today, so I'll take a meter to the bike and check continuity to the frame. I'm also hoping to enlist some help from a friend to check field strengths, this way I can compare antennas. I have two to choose from, both used with almost identical results on the old bike, but it would be interesting to measure the field strengths.

After 5 days of glorious sunshine, it is now pouring with rain :(This might reduce my testing time. The continuity tests can be done indoors but field strength and signal testing must be done outside.

It's a god job the VX-7R is waterproof :)

I plan to do some tests on HF over the weekend, once I have found a way to mount the 817. I no longer have the bag on the front, so it'll have to be a bracket of some sort. My first tests will be done just holding the rig.
For me bicycle mobile means just that, mobile. If I have to stop and put a spike in the ground, or run a wire out then it's not mobile, so it don't count :)

I've worked 40M BM before now, but with the expected poor results. I have had some great results and 20 and 15M though. This was on a cyleway near the sea. Beating a pile up whilst riding along was a great experience :)

Thanks again for your input,
I'll let you know what I find.

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660. Re: Great bike, poor signal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-03 15:20:00 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 656 Message: 660

I have found the problem. It's the radio. To be precise, it;'s the SMA coupling on the top of the rig.

I compared the VX-7 witht he FT-817 and the 817 was far better but a number of S points. On TX I was an S6 with a station on the 817 but only s1 and barely readable on the VX-7 using the same antenna/position etc.

The man at Yaesu UK has aked my to check that the problem is the same on the other bands.He says that there is a small possibility that it is not the SMA but another fault. He did stress a SMALL possibility.

I'll do this when I can find someone on 6M and 70CM to do the test with.

A severe lack of 70cm repeaters around here make 70CM a dead band.

Whatever my tests find, it's a radio problem so it has to go back. I'm just glad that we get a 2 year guarantee in the UK :)

Now I HAVE to find a way of getting the 817 on the bike, or I'll be cycling with no-one to talk to :)

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661. Pictures-KG4RRN

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-08 22:58:05 UTC
From: Pres Waterman
Topic: 652 Message: 661

> Thanks again to W2PW for re-posting the appropriate sized pictures.
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Uh, what did I do?

Pres Waterman W2PW
please do NOT enter my email address into ANY website

GO BILLS!

662. BMHA: Some of you are not getting email notifications

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-09 01:06:56 UTC
From: .Pres Waterman.
Topic: 654 Message: 662

Isn't this a bit like saying "If you're absent, raise your hand"?

663. FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-25 08:34:51 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 663 Message: 663

As my VX-7R is at Yaesu UK being fixed, I got to thinking about using my FT-817 on the bike.

I have doen this in the past using the fist mic, but it's not ideal for long or fast runs. It's fine for pottering around the park with the kid or the dog but not for hammering along at speeds approaching 20 MPH :)

On the VX-7 I used a headset with a bar mounted PTT switch. This switch plugs into the headset so it's all nice and easy.

I was wondering do any of you use a headset with bar mounted PTT on an 817 on the bike?

I do have a headset and control box that will do it, but it's my Homebrew Heil headset used for contesting and the leads are a bit long for the bike and the head set is a bit heavy. I suppose that I could use the control box though, but it's a little bulky for bar mounting.

I thought I'd ask before making modifications to it.

Any suggestions?
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664. Re: [BMHA] FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-25 16:01:14 UTC
From: Glenn
Topic: 663 Message: 664

any suggestions for where to find a headset that will
work with an HTX 202?
Glenn
KC4SJU
Kill Devil Hills NC

--- Darren <gw7hoc@...> wrote:

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665. Touring Cyclist Shop Panniers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-25 19:57:35 UTC
From: Robert A. Hess
Topic: 665 Message: 665

Hi All,

I'm an old timer bicyclist from the '70s looking to renew the activity. I rode the Bikecentennial Transamerica Trail in the summer of '76 with a set of Touring Cyclist Shop panniers and handlebar bag, which were on my bike when it was stolen in '79. 8^(

In my search for any reference to them, I came across your group. Does anyone have any idea where I may find these "vintage" items, for old times' sake? New Old Stock, used, in a closet for 20+ years? Feel free to respond to acorn at cruzio dot (you know) com. Thanks in advance!

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

666. Re: [BMHA] Touring Cyclist Shop Panniers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-25 22:43:54 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 665 Message: 666

Sorry, no idea .. if I were you I would ask on the Usenet Newsgroup rec.bicycles.misc they are a wealth of info.

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"
----- Original Message -----
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Subject: [BMHA] Touring Cyclist Shop Panniers

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667. Re: [BMHA] Touring Cyclist Shop Panniers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-26 12:42:30 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 665 Message: 667

Try Ebay. Though I've never tried it, I bet you could post a wanted ad. It wouldn't surprise me if someone has just what you need.

Scott, N7NET

Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Mail is new and improved - Check it out!

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

668. Re: [BMHA] Touring Cyclist Shop Panniers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-26 15:28:13 UTC
From: Earl S. Mead
Topic: 665 Message: 668

Hi Robert:

Try "info@..." or
"www.adventurecycling.org".

The "Adventure Cycling Organization" may be a source
of information as they produce "The Cyclists' Yellow
Pages".

73, Earl, K6ESM

--- "Robert A. Hess" <acorn@...> wrote:

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669. RE: [BMHA] Touring Cyclist Shop Panniers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-08-25 22:00:37 UTC
From: Rev. Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 665 Message: 669

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a+Trail&btnG=Google+Search 73 Johnny

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-----Original Message-----
From: Richard Amirault [mailto:ramirault@...]
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2004 4:44 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Touring Cyclist Shop Panniers

Sorry, no idea .. if I were you I would ask on the Usenet Newsgroup
rec.bicycles.misc they are a wealth of info.

Richard Amirault N1JDU
Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"
----- Original Message -----
From: "Robert A. Hess"
Subject: [BMHA] Touring Cyclist Shop Panniers

> I'm an old timer bicyclist from the '70s looking to renew the
> activity. I
rode the Bikecentennial Transamerica Trail in the summer of '76 with a
set of Touring Cyclist Shop panniers and handlebar bag, which were on my
bike when it was stolen in '79. 8^(
>
> In my search for any reference to them, I came across your group.
> Does
anyone have any idea where I may find these "vintage" items, for old
times' sake? New Old Stock, used, in a closet for 20+ years? Feel free
to respond to acorn at cruzio dot (you know) com. Thanks in advance!

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670. First ride...New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-02 07:07:18 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 670 Message: 670

Just finished putting everything together last night and made my
first bike mobile contact: Colorado to Mississippi, QRP on 20 meters.

I use shortened halfwave antennas for /ped. mobile and /marine
mobile, so I thought I should continue the tradition and built a 12
foot, 17/20 meter version for on the bike. Appears to work just fine.

Here is a page I put together with photos and details:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/bikemobile.html

73,
Jake
N0LX

671. Mount a HT to a bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-02 15:52:17 UTC
From: dennisjumala
Topic: 671 Message: 671

Have an HT and would like to mount it to a bicycle. Any suggestions? Recently bought the bike for health reasons and would like to listen to the locals. Or would some kind of device to mount it to my chest be better? Have a back rack but would like to mount a plastic milk crate on it once my balance is better. Haven't ridden a bike in 5 years.

Dennis Mattson, KC9FMY

672. Re: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-02 17:43:01 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 671 Message: 672

Velcro works wonders.
Also, a small insulated lunch carry bag made out of polyurathane works
well,
and holds other junk too.
Good luck on the exercise.
I have been biking since I was 7 years old, I am now 43.
Bob Rice, KG4RRN

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673. Re: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-03 19:04:27 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 671 Message: 673

Hi Dennis, I have a Kenwood TH-F6A that I built a bracket for and mounted it on the neck of my handbars (I ride a road bike). I mounted an antenna to a plate on top of the pannier rack on the rear of my bike. I have seen others mount antennas on the side of their bikes, but I don't remember how it was done. If you are going to mount it using a plate across your rack, be sure to use a heavy enough gauge of metal. I used too flimsy a sheet the first time and I think it damage something in my antenna by the constant swinging back and forth as I rode. I am going to work on it this weekend, but I don't have my own SWR meter yet and have been waiting for someone to assist me since I am a pretty new ham. So I really can't suggest anything else.

Tailwinds...Lauriann
My bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired
Check out my "in the works" website at www.geocities.com/thegreatbicyclejourney
Also, recent article in the LV Sun
http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/leisure/2004/may/11/516835008.html
http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/leisure_cut/2004/may/11/c00042348.html
----- Original Message -----
From: dennisjumala
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2004 8:52 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

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to the locals. Or would some kind of device to mount it to my chest
be better? Have a back rack but would like to mount a plastic milk
crate on it once my balance is better. Haven't ridden a bike in 5
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674. Re: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-03 19:39:25 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 671 Message: 674

Mounting an HT to A Bike Continued--
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I rushed to get it installed on the road bike (27") and Laurianne's
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mine, I have yet to get a SWR meter to measure it with.
I also used a mobile mag-mount antenna 19" secured by a drywall palte on
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pictures on my website.
I found out that as you are going "bicycle mobile" the signal fluxuates
greatly, and unless you are working repeaters, close by, the signal drops
out because of the radiation pattern is so low to the ground, any
buildings or hills will obstruct the signal.
I mounted the radio to my handlebars using the mobile mounting bracket
with wire ties on the bars and that is secured to velcro to prevent
slippage.
If you really had to, electrical tape also does the job, although you
need to use a lot on the handlebars.
Remember that you are mounting the radio to withstand shock and
vibration.
Military surplus stores would also be a place to shop for a HT bag (a
slim width) to carry the radio in, and this can be also cable -tied to
the handlebars.
If your HT has a capability of accepting 12.6 volts or even 13.8
volts,(look in your manual) a plug wired to a fuse (positive wire-10 amp
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If it is metal, use insulation for the battery so it doesn't move around
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The batteries are 3X6 inches and weigh about 20 pounds, so be careful.
If it is too heavy for your bike a variation of batteries (alkaline) or
Ni-Cads can also be used, but if your radio transmits 5 watts or more,
you will have to be lean on transmit time.
Hope some of this helps-
73 and all the best.
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McLean, Virginia USA
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675. RE: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-03 20:22:29 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 671 Message: 675

I wrote an article that I've submitted sent to the newsletter, but it hasn't been published yet. Covers a lot of this ground. Of course, handlebar bags and/or panniers make wonderful places to put either an HT or a mobile. The problem is that there aren't a lot of "good" options for the antenna.

73 de KE4LWT Jack
EM53tl
ARRL and Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

-----Original Message-----
From: ROBERT A RICE [mailto:mrrobertarice1@...]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2004 2:39 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

Mounting an HT to A Bike Continued--
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676. Re: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-04 00:50:11 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 671 Message: 676

I've found what I believe to be an excellent solution for mounting an HT to the handlebars. I purchased a Minoura BH-95 water bottle cage holder (see http://www.minoura.jp/acc-e.html) which clamps onto the handlebars quite securely. Instead of a water bottle cage I mounted a small cell phone holder to the bracket (which can be rotated 90 degrees from what is shown in the photo in the above link). If desired the BH-95 can be mounted to other parts of the frame as well. The trick is finding a cell phone holder that holds your particular HT securely and that can also attach to the bracket. I ended up drilling holes through the cell phone holder so that I could run the screws through that piece and then into the bracket of the BH-95. When the HT is mounted in the cell phone holder I wrap a small bungee cord around the HT and the handlebars as one more bit of insurance that the HT will stay in the holder. I've used this method on my off-road bike for several months with great success.
----- Original Message -----
From: Jack R. Smith
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2004 3:22 PM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

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From: ROBERT A RICE [mailto:mrrobertarice1@...]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2004 2:39 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Mount a HT to a bike?

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677. Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-05 06:28:57 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 663 Message: 677

> I was wondering do any of you use a headset with bar mounted PTT on an
> 817 on the bike?

After two bike outings now as /bike mobile with the FT-817, I have decided I will need to make a new control box just for biking. I saw recently a web page where someone had the PTT button on the right side handgrip, and the fast-up-down controls on the left. I like the idea, but can't find the page now.

For now, I am using VOX (out of necessity) with much sucess, until a car drives by and sets it off and I can't hear the other guy until I push the "A" button on the rig and kill the VOX.

My headset is a cheap, single earpiece model with a spring steel headband. I streched it over the foam helmet and it actually stays in place without tape.

Jake
N0LX
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/bikemobile.html

678. Re: [BMHA] Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-05 12:55:06 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 663 Message: 678

Jake NOLX,
I have been told not to use Vox by several experienced Hams.
If you start peddling hard and you are catching your breath, this goes out on the air.
Hope you re-consider.A PTT button is fine if you mount it on the handle-bars.
I suggest using a Radio Shack headset, Part # 21-1898, and make a special plug for it to adapt to Transmit .
Remember all, in some states it is still illegal to wear a dual ear headset, because you cannot hear from behind you, cars or other noises(fire trucks and ambulances).
Be smart, wear a single ear headphone.
73 all,
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679. Re: [BMHA] Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-05 13:54:23 UTC
From: Leonard Revelle
Topic: 663 Message: 679

On Sun, 05 Sep 2004 06:28:57 -0000, you wrote:

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>> 817 on the bike?
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>recently a web page where someone had the PTT button on the right
>side handgrip, and the fast-up-down controls on the left. I like the
>idea, but can't find the page now.
Haven't been following the thread closely so I may
have missed this. Sorry if this is redundant but I
think Heil makes a headset for the 817 that has
UP/DOWN and PTT that can be handlebar mounted.
>
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>car drives by and sets it off and I can't hear the other guy until I
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Len Revelle N9IJ
"My career goal is to retire!"

680. RE: [BMHA] Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-05 14:56:27 UTC
From: Jack R. Smith
Topic: 663 Message: 680

I'll second the not using VOX. Not only your breath, but if you're going fast enough, wind noise will trigger it also. And loud vehicles, also.

73 de KE4LWT Jack
EM53tl
ARRL and Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

-----Original Message-----
From: ROBERT A RICE [mailto:mrrobertarice1@...]
Sent: Sunday, September 05, 2004 7:55 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

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681. Re: [BMHA] Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-05 15:20:15 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 681 Message: 681

From: Leonard Revelle <lenrev@...>

I was wondering do any of you use a headset with bar mounted PTT on
an 817 on the bike?
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Hey Lenny,

w9xs here - formerly k9rma

That Heil Explorer is a good bet for bike mobile. PTT and up/down freq
mounts quite handily on the brake lever.

http://w9xs.us

You guys are going to have to straighten me out. Why the preoccuptation
with QRP? ICOM, Kenwood and others have some rather lightweight radios is
the 100W range. I mean 5.5 lbs isn't a feather weight but, on a bike, it's
hardly noticeable.

With the band condx the way they are, even the HFPack folks have mostly
disappeared.

Just off the top - how many of you BMHA played FD while on the bike?
Anybody got any scores they'd like to crow about?

I'll be out in another hour or so. Will keep an ear for BMHA folks on
18.157.5 and 14.432.5

73

Ron

682. Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-05 00:24:38 UTC
From: n1rwy
Topic: 663 Message: 682

Hey Darren,
Several of us who are also members of the HFPACK yahoo group have made small headsets for the 817. We use cell phone boom mic / ear sets. Light weight and cheap.

Basic design is here.
http://www.srv.net/~kr8l/headsetmic.htm

Works great at high speeds with some extra mic foam to deal with the wind noise.

- Jay
2000 V2 RANS

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683. Re: [BMHA] Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-05 21:25:09 UTC
From: Leonard Revelle
Topic: 681 Message: 683

On Sun, 05 Sep 2004 10:20:15 -0500, you wrote:

>You guys are going to have to straighten me out. Why the preoccuptation
>with QRP?

>>>>>> Because I can?? Good hearing from ya' Mouth Man!
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684. Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-06 15:06:07 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 663 Message: 684

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jack R. Smith" <jrsmith2@c...> wrote:
> I'll second the not using VOX. Not only your breath, but if you're
> going fast enough, wind noise will trigger it also. And loud >vehicles,
> also.

I used to use VOX in the car all the time until one day someone nearly took the front of my car off with a stupid bit of driving.
As the window was down I shouted and swore at him and questioned his parentage..... Then I remembered that not only was I using VOX but I was on the local repeater at the time :)

Lesson learned!

Thanks to Jay for the link to the headset design.
I'm a member of HFpack but I have not seen this one before. Thanks.

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)goqrp.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

QRP is not a "pre-occupation" it's a way of life :)

685. Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-06 17:17:50 UTC
From: n1rwy
Topic: 663 Message: 685

Darren,
You are welcome for the link.
I have made sevral variations of this design for my bicycle mobile setup.
The fact that the parts are so cheap is a nice plus. A small ptt switch mounted to the handlebars completes the interface for easy ham-while-cycling.

As far as QRP, the issue with me is not the power, but the weight of the battieries to supply the higher level of tx. With the 817 I can carry around a small 12v sla and have plenty of power on my 20 - 100 mile ride. However, with a larger rig, a larger battery is required and that starts to add up quickly when you are pulling it for long distances. Even with the solar panels on the buggy that I tow behind me to recharge the batteries, the power needs for 50 or 100w is signigicantly more than what is required for the 817.

- Jay N1RWY
2002-2004 East Coast cycle tour finished! 3,047 miles. (Calais, ME -> Key West FL)
v2 RANS

>
> I used to use VOX in the car all the time until one day someone nearly
> took the front of my car off with a stupid bit of driving.
> As the window was down I shouted and swore at him and questioned his
> parentage..... Then I remembered that not only was I using VOX but I
> was on the local repeater at the time :)
>
> Lesson learned!
>
> Thanks to Jay for the link to the headset design.
> I'm a member of HFpack but I have not seen this one before. Thanks.
>
> Darren

686. HFpack. BMHA invitation.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-07 18:13:48 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 686 Message: 686

Dear BMHA members,
BMHA members and all bicycle mobileers are invited to participate in HFpack activities, especially On-The-Air nets, schedules, and calling frequencies. HFpack gives priority to bicycle mobiles on the air, and the HFpack calling frequencies are a good place to make contact when you are out riding with your HF (SSB or CW). You can find more HF/BikeMobile operators on HFpack than any other place on the bands. Recently, the activity has shifted to 20 meters. For those who are unfamiliar with HFpack, I'm attaching some info about it below.
73---Bonnie KQ6XA

HFpack. The HF Portable Group.
A worldwide network of radio operators interested in HF portable.

HFpack is an international resource for High Frequency communications. HFpack provides an information exchange about transceivers, antennas, systems, packs, propagation, new developments and techniques in HF portable operation.

HFpack on-the-air: daily QSOs, weekend skeds, nets.
HFpack.com Website: a great HF resource.
HFpack Yahoo egroup: 4000+ members, fully moderated.
HFpack hamfests: events and forums.

WEBSITE:
http://www.hfpack.com

HFPACK ON THE AIR
Through calling frequencies and on-the-air schedules, HFpack is active with amateur radio around the world. Although not a "QRP club", HFpack includes low power SSB operators, and gives priority to them on the air. QRO base stations are encouraged to join the fun, so it is not necessary to be operating portable to participate. This provides a unique spot on the bands where weak SSB stations and portables can make contact. Since propagation has recently changed due to the sunspot cycle, the 20 meter HFpack frequency 14342.5kHz is now more active.

Saturday and Sunday HFpack "Net" Schedule UTC
16:30z and 22:30z UTC 18157.5kHz USB (18158 CW)
17:00z and 23:00z UTC 14342.5kHz USB (14343 CW)

Base-Mobile-Portable-Pedestrian-Bicycle-Boat-Aero
All operators are invited to HFpack On-The-Air. HFpack encourages base station operators to participate.

ABOUT HFPACK
HFpack is the result of a new type of group developed on-the-air and over the internet. HFpack's egroup is a spam-free flame-free fully-moderated discussion group, primarily utilized by amateur radio operators who are interested in HF portable communications and equipment. Subscription and "membership" in the HFpack egroup is free. It is currently active using the Yahoo groups server system (but not listed in the Yahoo directory), where messages can be read and posted via the web, direct email, or email daily digest modes. Participants in the HFpack egroup observe friendly cooperation and good netiquette.

ABOUT HFPACK's WEBSITE
The HFpack website has hourly-updated ionosphere-sounding propagation charts, databases for measured transceiver power consumption comparisons, measured pedestrian antenna efficiency comparisons, HFpack Hall of Fame (the amateur radio Pedestrian Mobile and Human Powered Mobile world record QSOs).

Visit the HFpack website for more information.
http://www.hfpack.com

73---Bonnie KQ6XA

..x..

687. Re: Mount a HT to a bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-11 15:01:55 UTC
From: n1ksn
Topic: 671 Message: 687

I use RAM components to mount radios to my bicycle. I get them from www.GPSCity.com.

For my HT I use the Belt Clip Cradle BC1 and mounting hardware RAM-B-149U which has a diamond plate to connect to the BC1, a u-bolt base to connect to the handlebars. and a 3" arm between them. My Icom IC-T2H Sport fits perfectly on this, and the 1" rubber ball components do a good job of absorbing shocks. If my ride is going to be bumpy, I add a small velco strap around the lower part of the radio.

For my FT-817 I use the West Mountain Radio mount (obtained separately) combined with RAM parts as above, except I use a plate mount instead of the diamond mount to connect to the WMR mount.

Hope this helps.

Best regards,
Andy N1KSN
Menasha, WI

688. Re: FT-817 headset, PTT switching etc

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-11 15:10:31 UTC
From: n1ksn
Topic: 663 Message: 688

I also use the basic circuit described by others to use a cellphone headset with the FT-817. However, I found it useful to add a 50K trim pot to the output side of the mic line (between the radio and the DC blocking capacitor with the radio MIC connection on the wiper and one side at ground).

This allows me to adjust the gain so that I can better match the headset to the radio. One discount headset I got had so much output that I had to set the SSB MIC gain on the FT-817 to 1. That's a hot mic! Now with the pot in the adapter I can adjust it so that the level from the adapter is the same as the stock mic.

By the way, I just found a really nice cellphone headset on Amazon, sold by Jensen (I think). It is called "behind the neck," but it is really behind the head and costs about $19. With the exception of not having a PTT button in the cord, it looks identical to more expensive commercial headsets sold by Otto Communications. I use the latter on my HTs, including when bicycle mobile.

689. Greetings from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-11 15:28:41 UTC
From: n1ksn
Topic: 689 Message: 689

Hi Folks,

I am a new member, Andy N1KSN, and I thought I'd say "Hi." I have been bicycle mobile for a couple of years now. My bike is a Trek Navigator 200 hybrid.

I have operated both VHF and HF on my bike, with an Icom IC-T2H Sport and an FT-817. When VHF I use a "Jurasic Duck" u-bolted to the rear of the bike and RG58 from the antenna to the T2H, which is mounted using RAM components made for GPS units. (I've given the part numbers in another message.) The antenna, whose plans I got via this website, works well and I can get into all the repeaters here in the Fox Valley area of NE Wisconsin. With this radio I use an Otto Communications headset with a PTT button in the cord. It is behind-the-head, so I can wear my helmet easily.

I really like the IC-T2H sport because it draws less current than other HTs on receive and I can use high-capacity rechargeable AAs with it for long operation on one charge. I have a spare battery holder and set of AAs for longer rides, just in case. Also, I seem to get good audio reports on this radio and it appears to be pretty rugged.

I haven't operated HF/Bike Mobile for a year, but when I do I use the FT-817 with a combination of RAM and West Mountain Radio mounting hardware. (I also use some of these components for a station mount on a board.) A 5 or 7 Ah gel cell goes in the handlebar bag, and a Hamstick is mounted with a universal mount on about 4 feet of aluminum tube u-bolted horizontally to the rear luggage rack. I've gotten QSOs around the USA with this setup when the sunspots were good. I've used the Heil Traveller with the FT-817, modified at the factory with additional RF bypass capacitors. However, I think I may switch to a cellphone headset adapter I've built for the FT-817 and have enjoyed using in my home station (if RF isn't a problem).

Anyway, that's my story. I'm not a hardcore rider, but I enjoy the occassional 20 mile trip if I can talk my wife into it. I really like the idea of getting exercise and hamming at the same time.

Best regards,
Andy N1KSN
Menasha, WI

690. HF-biking/ battery life/ HF-vs-VHF/bm poll?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-15 13:52:26 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 690 Message: 690

HF biking update:
Last week I swapped the FT-817:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/bikemobile.html
with my IC-706 and tried some higher power HF-bike mobile. Used the same 13 foot halfwave endfed on 20 meters. I was out three and a half hours and made some great contacts. One guy in Mississippi gave me a 59+10dB running 35 watts. He was +20 to +30, but was running 700 watts.
My QRP matching unit for 1/2 wave antennas would not have held up to the 35-50 watts I was running, so I whipped together a new one with a homebrew air-wound coil that uses hot glue to hold it's shape. Here is the (for now) exposed tuner that rides on the back of the bike rack:
http://www.hometown.aol.com/n0lx/images/hipowertuner.jpg

Battery:
I used a 17 Ah SLA battery with the 706. In 3.5 hours of riding, here is the break-down:
TX=1.3 hrs...RX=2.2 hrs. I varied the power between 35-50 watts. The battery voltage still read 12.22v when I got home. I put it out in the back yard for a couple days plugged into my solar charger and now it's ready for more action.

Poll:
Is anyone besides me curious how many BMHA members are operating HF vs. VHF (or both) on their bikes? It would be an interesting poll to take if the list owner agreed.

73,
Jake
N0LX

691. Re: [BMHA] HF-biking/ battery life/ HF-vs-VHF/bm poll?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-16 02:45:21 UTC
From: Doug Jones
Topic: 690 Message: 691

On 15 Sep 2004 at 13:52, Jake wrote:

> Poll:
> Is anyone besides me curious how many BMHA members are operating HF
> vs. VHF (or both) on their bikes? It would be an interesting poll to
> take if the list owner agreed.

Well, I can answer it here. I only do VHF/UHF with my VX1, and
won't be doing that again until I find a better way to mount it so that
I don't destroy my coax again.

Doug
N6LMX

692. Re: HF-biking/ battery life/ HF-vs-VHF/bm poll?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-16 03:03:56 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 690 Message: 692

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jake" <n0lx@a...> wrote:
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HF
> vs. VHF (or both) on their bikes? It would be an interesting poll
to
> take if the list owner agreed.
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> 73,
> Jake
> N0LX

Well, if people want to go back to April of 2002, the BMHA asked this very question on their online survey. Results at http://www.lafetra.com/bmha/Survey/survey-results.asp

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster

693. BPL

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-16 09:19:53 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 693 Message: 693

Thought people might be interested in this.
http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/pcworld/20040915/tc_pcworld/117784

Tailwinds...Lauriann "KD7UWE"
My bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired
Check out my "in the works" website at www.geocities.com/thegreatbicyclejourney
Also, recent article in the LV Sun
http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/leisure/2004/may/11/516835008.html
http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/leisure_cut/2004/may/11/c00042348.html

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

694. Re: HF-vs-VHF/bm poll + HF nets

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-16 13:24:41 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 690 Message: 694

> Well, if people want to go back to April of 2002, the BMHA asked
> this very question on their online survey. Results at
> http://www.lafetra.com/bmha/Survey/survey-results.asp

Thanks, Skip. Looks like I am in the minority. I am thinking about trying 2 meter APRS along with the HF setup someday.

As for HF nets mentioned in an earlier post, You can't go wrong with the HFpack frequencies. 18.157.5 has been the main freq. usually with many stations looking for bike mobile/ped mobile low power signals. Now the 20 meter HFpack "watering hole" of 14.342.5 is seeing more use as band conditions change. In fact I should be out riding this afternoon by 2300Z with the 706 and 13 foot antenna.

Jake
N0LX

695. HF bike mobile results

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-17 08:33:32 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 695 Message: 695

I went HF bike mobiling last evening (0000-0200Z) with the IC-706 and had a blast. Had a bit of unexplainable high swr at first, then smooth sailing for the two hour ride. In two hours, I made 24 contacts from here in Colorado to ten states and three Canadian Provinces. Oddly, I seem to have contacted the four corners of the US/CA. Quebec to the N/E, Florida to the S/E, California to the S/W, Washington state and British Columbia to the N/W.

One QSO was with Jean, VE2JCW who explained to me that everyone in his village speaks only French and apologized for his poor English (which was just fine). Arnie, N6HC would check in from time to time to let me know I was still putting out a big signal to California. Last QSO was with Paul, ACØZ/p vacationing in a rented cabin on Lopez Island in the San Juan Island group of WA state. We talked for almost 25 minutes as I rode the last few miles back home.

This is my kind of ham radio: it doesn't get much better than this!

Jake
NØLX

696. Re: HF-vs-VHF/bm poll + HF nets

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-17 19:55:17 UTC
From: n1rwy
Topic: 690 Message: 696

Jake,
There are a few of us doing both (all three VHF/APRS+HF) in the group.
I agree with you, the HFPACK freqs are a great place to start with bicycle mobile stations.

Maybe we can work each other Bm to BM soon.

- Jay N1RWY (APRS N1RWY -7 /-9/-13)
http://www.whereisjay.com

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> many stations looking for bike mobile/ped mobile low power signals.
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> use as band conditions change.

697. If you use "U" Bike Locks read this

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-18 01:43:17 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 697 Message: 697

Link to videos demonstrating what the story below describes. Not just Bicycle locks either.
http://www.bikeforums.net/showthread.php?t=66128&page=1&pp=25

>
> September 17, 2004
>
> The Pen Is Mightier Than the Lock
>
> By LYDIA POLGREEN, The New York Times
>
> The cunning bicycle thieves of New York City always seem to be one step ahead of lockmakers. Design a more sophisticated lock and the thieves make a better pick. Make a sturdier chain and they get bigger bolt cutters. And if all else fails, they just dig up the parking meter or stop sign to unshackle the bike from it. But to open some of the toughest locks on the market, a thief needs only to flick his Bic pen.
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> Many cyclists erupted in disbelief and anger this week after videos were posted on the Internet showing how a few seconds of work could pick many of the most expensive and common U-shaped locks, including several models made by Kryptonite, the most recognized brand.
>
> Mashing the empty barrel of a ballpoint pen into the cylindrical keyhole and turning it clockwise does the trick that has struck fear into the hearts of bicycle owners, especially those in New York, where thousands of bikes are stolen each year.
>
> "There was murmuring on various Web sites, and so I decided to go home and pick up a pen and see it if works," said Benjamin Running, a graphic designer who lives in downtown Brooklyn. "Sure enough, within 30 seconds I had broken into my $90 lock. I was in awe. My jaw literally dropped to the floor. It was so easy."
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> And many Internet users had the same reaction this week when they saw the homemade video he posted on his blog of his Kryptonite NY Chain popping open.
>
> The problem could have wider consequences. Lock experts said the fault was with a particular type of cylindrical lock that is used not just in bike locks but in vending machines, cable locks for laptop computers, alarm system panels and countless other places.
>
> Not all such locks are vulnerable, because some are built with more sophistication. Older Kryptonite locks made before 2002 appear to be less

susceptible, according to bike shops that have tried to use the technique on them.
>
> But this type of mechanism is used on most of the bicycle locks that are used by millions of people around the country, not just those made by Kryptonite (although the company said yesterday that a new and better model was on the way).
>
> As the news spread, bicycle shops across the nation pulled the locks off their shelves and cyclists left their bikes at home, wondering if anything could keep their wheels safe.
>
> "You would think for $80 for a bike lock it would be secure," said Marc Weber Tobias, an investigative lawyer and security expert, whose Web site, security.org, has posted warnings about the flaws of cylindrical locks like the ones used in U-locks. "But this doesn't surprise me at all."
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> The trick works because the pen has the right diameter and is rigid enough to hold its general shape but pliable enough to mold into a sort of key that opens the lock. Mr. Tobias said the vulnerability of such locks was well known in security circles.
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> "These are cheaply manufactured locks with serious design flaws," he said. "You can't possibly think your bike is safe with one of these locks."
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> The uproar appears to have started on Sunday, when Chris Brennan, a cyclist in San Francisco, posted an urgent message on the bikeforums.net bulletin board after he was able to pop open his lock with a pen.
>
> Like many people, he had been skeptical, but doubts were quickly dispelled when users like Mr. Running started posting digital video clips of the trick. By yesterday, 125,000 people had downloaded it from, his site, thirdrate.com, he said. Meanwhile, nearly 170,000 had seen Mr. Brennan's posting, starting a full-fledged panic.
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> "We are especially concerned because we thought these were the best," said Noah Budnick, projects director at Transportation Alternatives, an advocacy group representing bicyclists in New York City. "Our members get a discount on these locks. What is really shocking is the casualness with which someone could steal a bike with one of these locks on it."
>
> Kryptonite, which is based in Canton, Mass., and was bought by Ingersoll-Rand in 2001, is named for the only material that can defeat Superman. The company has been making locks since the 1970's and is recognized by most bicycle shops as the leading lockmaker.
>
> It is so confident in the security of its locks that if a bicycle is stolen by someone who broke the lock, Kryptonite will pay up to $3,500 to replace the bike, depending on the model of lock, though there are several caveats to the policy. Bike shops in New York City overwhelmingly recommend

the company's locks, particularly the four locks that are designed specifically for New York riders.
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> In a statement sent by e-mail yesterday, the company said that it was aware of the problem and was moving quickly to get locks featuring a different mechanism to bike shops and that it was designing a program to let users of compromised locks to upgrade to new ones.
>
> Donna M. Tocci, a spokeswoman for the company, stressed that locks made by other manufacturers shared the same vulnerabilities.
>
> Cyclists across the city marveled at how easy it was to crack their locks. With a little practice, opening a Kryptonite with a Bic barrel takes as little time as using a key, said Arone Dyer, a mechanic at Bicycle Habitat in SoHo. She produced the white plastic barrel of a Bic pen from her pocket along with a Kryptonite brand lock and provided a demonstration. In less than five seconds, the shackle popped and slid open.
>
> "It is that easy," Ms. Dyer said.
>
> The NY Chain lock, the product most shops recommend for city cyclists, consists of a heavy chain and small U-shaped lock. It weighs about six pounds, so heavy that many riders wear it slung around their waists. The chain is made of squared links of hardened steel that is impossible to cut by hand, so that part of the lock is still sound.
>
> Bike shops are recommending that customers replace the small U-lock with a sturdy padlock, like the ones that bodegas use to secure their roll-down gates. These padlocks cost less than $20 at most hardware stores.
>
> In addition, Kryptonite has a line of locks that feature flat keys; Transportation Alternatives recommended that its members buy one of those.
>
> The group's Mr. Budnick said that most bike thefts could be prevented if only office buildings allowed people to bring their bicycles indoors, but few do. A bill requiring buildings to allow bikes inside was introduced by City Councilman David Yassky but has been stuck in the Housing and Buildings Committee.
>
> Will Wood, whose Spokes and Strings shop in Williamsburg caters to the commuter market, said he was warning anyone who would listen.
>
> "I feel like a Cassandra, but for years I have said to my customers, 'This is the industry standard, and this will keep your bike safe,' " Mr. Wood said. "Now I tell everyone who comes in, 'Tell your friends before the thieves tell theirs.' ''
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698. Re: If you use "U" Bike Locks read this

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-18 01:47:46 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 697 Message: 698

http://www.bikeforums.net/
Sorry , THIS is the video links page.

> Link to videos demonstrating what the story below describes. Not just
> Bicycle locks either.
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699. I came a cropper

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-23 07:21:11 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 699 Message: 699

Saturday morning, during my regular 12 mile ride along a local cycle trail, as I was cycling around two joggers, I hit a slippery patch. The bike went one way and I went the other :)
Ouch! it was the first time that I have fallen off my bicycle for nearly 20 years. Luckilly I wasn't doing any speed. less than 10 MPH as I had waited to clear from under a bridge before passing the joggers

Apart from two very nice purple bruises and one twisted knee all is OK. My pride was dented more than anything else was. The ride home was painful, but better a half hour painful ride than a 2 hour painful walk :)

This little accident confirmed two things.

The first, always try and fit a "break-away" connection to the radio. Mine worked perfectly, seperating me from the radio instantly.

The second, never use a large antenna. If I had had anything bigger than I was using (2/70 dual bander 3 feet 4 inches long) it could have been a lot worse. A large antennas (like some HF antennas I've seen pics of on bikes) could have caused all sorts of problems.
It could have hit the joggers, it could have hit me, it could have stopped me clearing the bike as I came off... I've been thinking about this and I've decided to NEVER use monster antennas on the bike. I'll stick with my driveabout for HF.

This incident has also made me think.
Do I want to install the external battery now? I use one occasionally, but I wonder how it would have handled in the fall, and what if the speed was higher?

Do I fix the VX7 so it can't come adrift?
At the moment it sits in a slightly modified mic holder. It hold the rig in place and alows for east fitting and removal.
During the fall the rig came loose, but was still connected to the coax. Looking at the few witness marks on the bike. I figure that if the VX-7 hadn't come loose it would have been damaged. It's carrying case saved it from getting scratched as it slid along the ground :)
Which is better, a solid fixed radio, or one that can "get out of the way" in an accident?

I'm fine, still a bit sore at times, but I'm still able to cycle. The hills hurt my knee a little more but it's getting better every day :)

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

700. transceivers for sale

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-23 20:04:11 UTC
From: Rev. Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 700 Message: 700

Both are small and light for dicated bicycle use -

Kenwood 2 meter VHF 201A and Kenwood 440 UHF 401B transceivers for sale. Good condition on TX and RX both have pl boards installed.

Asking $75.00 Each plus shipping

Contact Johnny Shepherd KD5LWU kd5lwu2@...

701. Re: [BMHA] transceivers for sale

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-23 23:23:09 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 700 Message: 701

Reverand Johnnie~
Wow, those both sound like olds rigs-how old are they and how many watts?
Bob Rice, KG4RRN\BM4
McLean, VA

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

702. RE: [BMHA] transceivers for sale

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-24 01:00:08 UTC
From: Johnny
Topic: 700 Message: 702

Old rigs yes but don't know how old. 45/10 watts in good condition with pl board 73 Johnny
-----Original Message-----
From: ROBERT A RICE [mailto:mrrobertarice1@...]
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2004 5:23 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] transceivers for sale

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Wow, those both sound like olds rigs-how old are they and how many watts?
Bob Rice, KG4RRN\BM4
McLean, VA

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This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.

Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for questions and/or suggestions.

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703. This HF rig may be light enough for Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-24 01:39:46 UTC
From: Rev. Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 703 Message: 703

I am cleaning the ham shack and found this rig.....

Ten Tec model 540 tx and rx okay but needs dial adjustment as the
dial sticks asking 75.00 plus shipping

Contact Johnny Shepherd kd5lwu2@...

704. Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-24 18:42:21 UTC
From: rick_funderburg
Topic: 704 Message: 704

I really enjoy bicycling. I use a bike to commute every day, as well as run errands, go camping, and go on longish rides (I did a 125 mile hilly ride a couple of weeks ago).

I also recently became interested in ham radio. I just took the Technician test last weekend, and I am expecting to receive my callsign any day now.

I am looking forward to getting lots of information about how to blend these two hobbies. I currently don't have a radio, but I am planning on getting a 2m HT soon.

Is there a FAQ for the group? I know I have several questions like, what is a good way to avoid wind noise (I usually am tooling around 30-35kph)? Lists of recommended hardware might be helpful too.

If no FAQ exists, I would be happy to create one with questions that I have answered.

Anyway, I'm glad to be a part of this list, and if any of you are around Madison, WI give me a shout and we can go for a bike ride.

--
Rick Funderburg
callsign: tbd

705. Re: [BMHA] Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-25 04:34:19 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 704 Message: 705

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To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2004 11:42 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Hello from a new Ham Operator

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706. Re: [BMHA] Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-25 05:11:43 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 704 Message: 706

Hi Rick,
Nice to meet you and congrats on the ticket.
The 2 hobbies are great together, I really enjoy it being able to do both. Also, our local hams work communications on many of the local charity rides and it is really cool to be able to be in touch with them as I ride along. It has also come in handy more than once to be able to call for first aid or sag support. Other riders think its kinda funny until I get on there and a few minutes later the sag wagon shows up to fix their bike. hehe
As far as wind noise, I use a small headset with a boom mic and really haven't had a huge problem with noise. Sort of depends on how you turn your head when talking.
Look forward to hearing how your ham/bike experiences go.
Jim
Tennessee

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707. RE: [BMHA] Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-25 05:16:47 UTC
From: John Maguire
Topic: 704 Message: 707

Hi Lauriann,

I have been in and out of Austin, NV this summer and on each trip have seen organized bicycle tours along the road. Often it has been over a dozen riders accompanied by a couple of vans. Those desert hills don't look like a lot of fun in hundred degree summer days!

I also saw one pair of guys by themselves. Hwy 50 seems like a popular route for long distance riders.

No one had any visible antennas on their bikes though.

John

W1CDO

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708. Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-25 15:38:28 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 704 Message: 708

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "rick_funderburg" <rick-pub@f...> wrote:
> I know I have several questions like,
> what is a good way to avoid wind noise (I usually am tooling around
> 30-35kph)?

Rick, Welcome to the hobby and the great world of Bicycle mobiling :)

I use a headset with a foam covered microphone.

I get nothing but good reports from the stations I work.
My average speed is 15 MPH and I'm often out in the wind.

A lot of people have told me that If I hadn't told them that I was on
a bicycle they would not have known.... Except for the panting :)

Unless I'm heading into a strong wind then no one seems to notice wind
noise.

Enjoy the hoby and ride safe.

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709. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-25 16:31:40 UTC
From: William O'Hara
Topic: 704 Message: 709

> I get nothing but good reports from the stations I work.
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My average speed is approximately 17 MPH. I am a slow cyclist in comparison to many local racers and recreational cyclists. However, I do get the bike up to much faster speeds. I often ride in groups with some limited casual conversation. I spend much of concentration on keeping the bike upright and watching the road.

I've been following this list and the group for awhile. However, I don't have much opportunity to do radio chat while biking. The two just don't work out much for me. I'm wondering how many hams out here that actually ride a road bike in Eastern Mass.

Bill N1EY

710. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-27 17:40:07 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 704 Message: 710

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charlie

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711. Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-27 18:53:40 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 704 Message: 711

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "charles hingston" <cehingston@m...> wrote:
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Charlie, the original poster said 30-35 Kph not Mph :)

18-22 Mph which is still quite fsat but not unreasonable on a good road bike in good weather.

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712. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-27 19:02:45 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 704 Message: 712

On the local charity rides here in central Tennessee (hills) 30mph is not that hard to do. Especially when each leg of the ride is 75 miles, plenty of downhills in that distance. At 45 yrs old, I impress myself everytime I am able to get on the bike lol
Jim

Darren <gw7hoc@...> wrote:
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713. Re: transceivers for sale

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-27 20:14:28 UTC
From: Rev. Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 700 Message: 713

Ten Tec 540 and Kenwood rigs sold Thanks!

Still have a AEA Pakratt 232 TNC in excellent condition and am looking for a small TNC with mailbox. I am willing to trade straight across I'll pay shipping for AEA. Contact me at kd5lwu2@... I

I also have a Rans Rocket Recumbant I am looking to trade for a good HF/VHF/UHF rig value I am told of the Rocket is between 800 and 900 dollars.73 Johnny

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Rev. Johnny Shepherd" <kd5lwu2@c...> wrote:
> Both are small and light for dicated bicycle use -
>
> Kenwood 2 meter VHF 201A and Kenwood 440 UHF 401B transceivers for
> sale. Good condition on TX and RX both have pl boards installed.
>
> Asking $75.00 Each plus shipping
>
> Contact Johnny Shepherd KD5LWU kd5lwu2@c...

714. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-27 23:33:10 UTC
From: William O'Hara
Topic: 704 Message: 714

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> round at 30 35 mph are your really enjoying yourself or trying to
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Bill N1EY

715. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-27 23:34:30 UTC
From: William O'Hara
Topic: 704 Message: 715

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Bill N1EY

716. RE: [BMHA] Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-28 00:31:35 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 704 Message: 716

Besides, he said Kph. About 18mph. About my average range for a century ride, so certainly comfortable for a daily ride. On my thrice weekly bicycle commute I average about 22 mph actual pedalling speed. But that's stop and go, and only 7 km each way, about 2 at a time, so you can't really judge by that.

Jack KE4LWT
-----Original Message-----
From: William O'Hara [mailto:who_icrr@...]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2004 5:33 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Hello from a new Ham Operator

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717. mounting options WAS Hello from a new Ham Operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-28 05:39:26 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 704 Message: 717

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "William O'Hara" <who_icrr@a...> wrote:

> I've taken the handheld a few times with me.
> I wish that I had a rack to at least put it there. However
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Bill, My VX-7R sits in a converted mic bracket (fork type) that is cable tied (zip tied) to the handlebar stem. The VX-7R has a button on the back as found on most microphones. I just bent the forks slightly to make it a slightly tighter fit to stop the rig flying off with every bump I hit :)

I have seen a handy mounted using it's belt clip though, again using cable ties. The owner had 3 cable ties, two of them were holding the third. The third was slightly loose to allow the belt clip to fit through the gap. How loose, or big this gap would depend on the rig's clip.

Racks on racing bikes can be a problem I've heard. Usually on the more serious bike though. It's trying to find a happy compromise between racing bike and tourer. Most tourers have the eyelets for racks, panniers etc.

Can you fit one of these new Saddle post racks? I'm not a huge fan as the two I've used in the past used to move about slightly. They are designed for bikes with rear suspension, not that I've ever owned a bike with suspension of any kind :)

My rack is only used to mount the antenna. That's the only reason I put it on. I have carried stuff on it, but that is a happy by product. It's an antenna mount first and a thing to carry stuff on second :)

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718. Radio Shack Throat Microphone/earbud

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-27 19:25:56 UTC
From: Guy Hornbeck
Topic: 718 Message: 718

Greetings all:

In thumbing through prior postings I notices that someone mentioned that R/S has a throat mic/ear-bud product for sale for use with VHF/UHF rigs of the R/S, ICOM, Kenwood pursuation. I contacted R/S and learned that these little gems are now discontinued items and, where available, are marked down to under $10.00 USD.

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IMHO, this is one of the best-kept secret around for /BM. Since the mic operates off vibrations from the user's throat it is not subject to typical wind noice associated with convention microphones. Your mileage may vary. Now to recover from my broken leg and get back on the bike part of bicycle moble.

Cheers!

Guy Hornbeck
AE6FE

719. Ear Bud Mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-30 12:19:51 UTC
From: Louis M. Smith
Topic: 719 Message: 719

I think I saw an ear bud mic in the AES catalog. Has anyone tried one? It uses vibrations in the ear canal.
Thanks,
Louis Smith
KB3KUR

BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:

There is 1 message in this issue.

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720. Re: Ear Bud Mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-30 13:25:46 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 719 Message: 720

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Louis M. Smith" <loumsmith@y...> wrote:
> I think I saw an ear bud mic in the AES catalog. Has anyone tried one? It uses vibrations in the ear canal.
> Thanks,
> Louis Smith
> KB3KUR

I haven't tried the AES earbud, but have an earlier one branded "eartalk". It is my main bike-mobile microphone/speaker.

Works quite well, but it is susceptible to wind noise.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

721. Re: [BMHA] Re: Ear Bud Mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-30 13:40:53 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 719 Message: 721

> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Louis M. Smith" <loumsmith@y...> wrote:
> > I think I saw an ear bud mic in the AES catalog. Has anyone tried
> one? It uses vibrations in the ear canal.

I haven't tried it yet, but some guy in Asia has been selling them on eBay for about $40, and shipping takes less than a week. Looks good but I got the plug to fit a Yaesu HT and now need to come up with a female jack so I can wire it up to the 817. Sure would be slick.

73, Bob W9RAN

722. Re: Radio Shack Throat Microphone/earbud

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-30 16:54:51 UTC
From: rick_funderburg
Topic: 718 Message: 722

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Guy Hornbeck" <guyhornbeck@e...> wrote:
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> In thumbing through prior postings I notices that someone mentioned
> that R/S has a throat mic/ear-bud product for sale for use with
> VHF/UHF rigs of the R/S, ICOM, Kenwood pursuation.

Do you have a part number or other unique search term to find this? I looked around their website and could not find it.

Given how clueless the reps usually are, I would like to get some more info before trying to track one down.

723. Re: [BMHA] Re: Radio Shack Throat Microphone/earbud

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-30 17:32:54 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 718 Message: 723

Throat mic were popular in the open cockpit aircraft,
and they may still be popular with the crop dusters. I
bet you can still buy them. But would the operate
with 12 vdc or 28 vdc?

If you had to build one I would imagine one could use
a R/S microphone and put a preamp behind it. It
should work.

Scott, N7NET, Texas

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724. Radio Shack Throat Microphone/earbud

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-09-30 19:41:41 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 718 Message: 724

ANyone have the RS stock code for that item?

73, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX
> Subject: Radio Shack Throat Microphone/earbud

725. Re: [BMHA] Radio Shack Throat Microphone/earbud

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-01 05:19:57 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 718 Message: 725

I have not had any experience with this particular throat microphone system, but many years ago, when you could still buy real military surplus electronics equipment from the surplus stores (World War II and Korea), I had an aviator throat microphone. Although it worked quite well with no ambient sounds getting into it, my throat became very sore, like a harsh sore throat! I would hope one could give it a try before settling down with it. By the way, it had a deficiency by today's standards -- carbon granules elements.

Harry, WD9FYF

----- Original Message -----
From: Barry Bogart
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Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2004 14:41
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726. Re: [BMHA] Re: Radio Shack Throat Microphone/earbud

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-01 12:22:34 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 718 Message: 726

----- Original Message -----
From: "rick_funderburg"
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Radio Shack Throat Microphone/earbud

> Do you have a part number or other unique search term to find this? I
> looked around their website and could not find it.
>
> Given how clueless the reps usually are, I would like to get some more
> info before trying to track one down.

It will NOT be on the website. RS removes any item that has been discontinued from the website, and this has been discontinued for quite some time. I picked one up months ago .. just to have .. but never used it.

Richard in Boston, MA, USA
N1JDU

727. R/S Throat Mic - Discontinued Product

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-12 15:06:21 UTC
From: Guy Hornbeck
Topic: 727 Message: 727

I believe the R/S product number is 21-1835. R/S usually stocks their products by product number, so browse in the 21.XXXX area and you might get lucky. Most R/S clerks seem clueless as to their merchandise, so guide yourself.

This is a discontinued product, so availability at your local R/S will be hit-and-miss. The R/S stores in the San Francisco Bay Area can usually type in the product number and see if (1) they have it in stock and (2) if they don't, which other stores in the region do have it in stock. I believe that this product is selling for $14.88 (marked down from the original $49.95). The unit seems to work well with R/S and ICOM HT's that use a two-plug speaker mic configuration.

Good luck and 73.

Guy Hornbeck
AE6FE

Hope to see some /BM folks at Pacificom this weekend.

728. KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-17 17:52:02 UTC
From: BOB
Topic: 728 Message: 728

"Once Upon a Bicycle" again- this year, I have volunteered for the
MCM, on Oct 31st,
and I am bringing a digital camera along this year.
In addition, last years' deployment was so successful on 2 meters,
that the coordinator for this year is giving the bicycle mobiles
their own net on 440!
I will see if I can do this right, and get the correct sized pictures
on the site. In addition, I am changing from a full-sized mobile rig
at 25 watts to a VX-5r at 5 watts.
I will still try to auxillary power it with a 7ah gell-cell,
and connect it to an external mounted dual band antenna.
The rescue-squad guys are also on bikes, so I wanted to take as many
pictures of mobile bikes/set-ups/antennas.
That will give some an idea of how to change/mount/configure your
own bike for adventure...
I have yet to find a microwave dish for 1.2 Ghz mounted on a rack,
but I am still
looking.
Please see Page 12 of Novembers' QST magazine for the Ultimate auto
mobile .
How many antennas was that anyway?
73 ALL-
BOB, KG4RRN
Bike 7 -AID 7, MCM 2004

730. RE: [BMHA] KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-18 00:17:36 UTC
From: Ted Burris
Topic: 728 Message: 730

Bob,
May I suggest the next step up in HT.
The VX7r is completely submersible. I am running one on my Giant OCR Touring and am quite pleased.
Combined with the submersible speaker mike and tax at Associated Radio the price is less than $410
and the unit has survived two raging down pours with out even having to turn it off.
Just a thought.
Ted Burris
KB0MRC (Kansas City, Kansas.)

From: BOB [mailto:mrrobertarice1@...]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2004 1:15 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

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731. Re: KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-19 07:18:23 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 728 Message: 731

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I agree with Ted. I use a VX-7R bicycle mobile and it's survived the worst of our Welsh rain. I keep it in it's case for added protection. The case helps keep the mud, muck and road spray messing up the buttons.

I use mine with a watson Dual band antenna on a home brew mount on the rack. I usually run with the rig's own battery but occasionally, on longer rides, I connect up my 7Ah SLA battery.

I also ride with a headset with a bar mounted PTT for safety,

I've put hundreds of miles on the the clock with this set up and it works a treat. I put out as good a signal as people in cars do.

The dual receive function is also a boon. You could monitor 2 frequencies at the same time.

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732. RE: [BMHA] Re: KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-19 22:21:18 UTC
From: Ted Burris
Topic: 728 Message: 732

Hi Darren,
I would be really interested to know more about the Headset and handlebar PTT as well as the SLA battery configuration your using and antenna config.
The SLA and Headset are additions I am looking to add shortly. I have purchased a Larson NMO 2/70 B and Maxrad mount and plan to use this and some scrap Alum. or Stainless
to fabricate the antenna system. I have also purchased an sma to bnc adapter for the top of the HT and am now running a old BNC based HT Antenna on the adapter.
The result of which will make attaching and detaching the antenna connection a quick twist instead of dealing with the time and wear intensive SMA connection.
I am running a rear rack and bag and hope to move the baseloaded antenna and mount structure off to the back or side of the bag a few inches to decrease interference.
Any suggestions or opinions based on your experiences would be most appreciated.
Ted

From: Darren [mailto:gw7hoc@...]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2004 2:45 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

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733. Head set and battery WAS KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-20 12:26:05 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 728 Message: 733

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Ted Burris" <tedb@t...> wrote:
> Hi Darren,
> I would be really interested to know more about the Headset and
> handlebar PTT as well as the SLA battery configuration your using and
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Hello Ted. The headset is the Alan MA-35 bought from Maplin electronics here in the UK. it's a single ear headset with a boom mic with foam windshield.
This headset has a control box on the down lead with a PTT button on it. This control box also has a socket for an external PTT switch.

The PTT on the bar is a small box with a toggle switch fitted. This box is fitted to the bar by very small cable ties. It's in easy thumb reach when riding.

A wire runs from the PTT to the control box in the down lead.

The headset comes with two plugs. They just happen to be wired to suite Yaesu handhelds, though you will need the CT-92 (I think) adapter to screw into the VX7 or the equivalent for the VX5.

The battery is held on the rear of the bike just forward of the rear rack. This is a both job butit works. I have a bracket on the seat post to attach my son's trailer bike and the battery squeezes under this bracket to be a firm but not too tight a fit. It hasn't worked loose yet and it hasn't cracked so it must be just about right :)
More by lick than judgement I will add :)

A cable runs from the battery and is terminated by a Cigar socket.
This is cabletied to the cross bar. The VX-7's power lead plugs into this.

May I suggest that you don't use an SMA to BNC adatper?
I used one of these and it damageged my VX-7. The extra weight and leverage it gives damaged the connection inside the radio causing a return to Yaesu UK for repairs.
Now I use a short Patch lead. SMA on one end and a BNC male on the the other. This removes any strain on the SMA connector.

I have some pictures on the HD somewhere. I'll dig them out and post them in the photo section when I get the chance.

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734. RE: [BMHA] Head set and battery WAS KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-20 20:37:35 UTC
From: Ted Burris
Topic: 728 Message: 734

Thanks Darren,
All good info. I know the VX7 handles weather well. How about the mike and battery outfit to they take the weather?
Ted

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From: Darren [mailto:gw7hoc@...]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2004 7:45 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Head set and battery WAS KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

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735. Re: Head set and battery WAS KG4RRN and the Marine Corp Marathon

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-20 22:19:11 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 728 Message: 735

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Ted Burris" <tedb@t...> wrote:
> Thanks Darren,
> All good info. I know the VX7 handles weather well. How about the mike
> and battery outfit to they take the weather?
> Ted

Ted, I have had no problems at all with either the mic or the battery.
I don't run with the battery very often as I don't need it. The
battery on the VX-7 lasts for ages even with a good waffle station
like me :)

The headset often gets very wet indeed. It rains a lot here in Wales :(
I have been so wet that I had to remove my wet clothing standing in
the bath. The radio and headset worked every inch of the journey!
Which is more than my waterproof watch did :)

With the VX-7 I ALWAYS have the carry case on. This stops the worst of
our weather and it keeps road grime, mud etc off the keys. I also make
sure that if it's going to be a wet ride that all the rubber bungs are
pushed firmly home first.

The little foam wind guard does a great job. I have had comments that
if I hadn't said that I was on a bicycle, the other station would have
been able to tell.... Apart from the puffing and panting that is :)

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736. Re: [BMHA] VX-5r

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-20 22:34:06 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 736 Message: 736

O.K. yes I know that the VX-7r is the ultimate water proof HT.
Just can't pay an extra hundred right now.
Thanks for the input, Ted.
I will enjoy theVX 5r for a while.
BR

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737. Introduction from new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-24 01:01:58 UTC
From: mmlife2001
Topic: 737 Message: 737

Hello all

My name is Michael Lynch, I live in Sydney, Australia, My partner, Tani, and I conduct bicycle tours of South East Asia. We are heading over to Northwest Vietnam in November with our next group and this year we are trialling UHF handheld radios for communication in addition to mobile phones. I have no experience with using UHF and very little technical expertise but I'm sure I am about to learn a lot!

Tani and I 'bookend' our tour group with one of us moving from the front of the pack back to the middle and the other from the back up to the middle. Our group can often be spread out 5-10 Kms and it is important for Tani and I to stay in touch as we travel through mountainous countryside.

I have just bought two Uniden UH075 5W HT with VOX headsets http://www.uniden.com.au/v3/FRAME_PROD.HTM . I purchased these because of their waterproof & compact design, their high power and VOX capabilities. However I want to maximise their range and it appears that the antenna is the most important piece of hardware I could upgrade and the higher it is mounted above ground level the better. I do not want to attract too much attention as we will also be conducting a reconnaisance tour through Cambodia by ourselves and if possible would like both antennae to appear to be a safety/flag pole. We have rear racks on our bikes and handlebar bags where I'm planning to store the handset.

I would appreciate any input at all into mounting this system and purchasing an appropriate antenna. I would also be interested in hearing of experiences in the operation of a UHF system in mountainous terrain and what I could reasonably expect in terms of performance. Thank you for any help you can offer.

Regards

Michael Lynch

738. Re: [BMHA] Introduction from new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-24 13:47:57 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 737 Message: 738

Michael,

The URL in your posting stated there were repeaters in
Australia for your radio. You need to hone your
skills in using these repeaters. But the big question
is: will they be availabe in the area of your tour?

The UHF signals are line of site, so it may not be
reliable in the mountains you mentioned.

Be certain these radios are legal in the countries in
which you will visit. Even hams must have permission
to operate outside their home country.

Let us know how it goes.

Scott, N7NET

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739. Re: [BMHA] Introduction from new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-24 15:29:27 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 737 Message: 739

To Michael and Scott,
The UHF CB type radios he mentions are legal in the Aust. and UK for non-licensed people and output 5 watts max.
They are similar to FRS radios here in the US.
I don't know what restrictions if any radio operators in Vietnam are under.
Perhaps he could research that and find out.
73 all,
Bob, KG4RRN
McLean, VA U.S.

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740. Re: Introduction from new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-24 21:29:34 UTC
From: mmlife2001
Topic: 737 Message: 740

Hi Scott

There are UHF repeaters at Son La, used for a flood warning system but I have no idea if I can access them. Our Vietnamese tour partners,the largest tour company in Vietnam and owned by a state corporation, have said there is no problem using UHF in Vietnam. I have contacted the consulate here in Sydney but received no reply and I note that other cycle tour companies use UHF in Thailand and Cambodia. I am still of course actively trying to get information which can be quite hard in a country that seems to have fluid rules and regulations.

Regards

Michael

741. OT-New mwmber keeps getting auto message

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-24 22:03:37 UTC
From: mmlife2001
Topic: 741 Message: 741

Hi

Each time I post to this group I get an automated response from enigma_y_2000@... asking me to verify myself as it has been blocked by a spam filter. If this message is fair dinkum could that person please adjust their settings. There is no way I'll resond to such a message and I don't wish to keep being emailed. Thanks.

Regards

Michael

742. Re: OT-New mwmber keeps getting auto message

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-25 00:36:26 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 741 Message: 742

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "mmlife2001" <fitlifestyle@w...> wrote:
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> Hi
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> enigma_y_2000@y... asking me to verify myself as it has been
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that
> person please adjust their settings. There is no way I'll resond
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> such a message and I don't wish to keep being emailed. Thanks.
>
> Regards
>
> Michael

EVERYONE: Please go back and re-read message #654 on this board.

Challenge/response techniques for anti-spam filtering DO NOT WORK in public forums such as these. If you use them, you may become disconnected from the forum (see the message from Michael above for a good reason why this will happen).

The gist of message #654 is repeated below:

=== start quote ===
Some of you are not receiving email that you signed up for from this discussion list. This happens to people who
use "challenge/response" systems to reduce the SPAM they receive.

I'd like to take the time to remind people that challenge/response systems do not work well with mailing lists.

When challenges such as the example below are received, you will not receive a response (both because I won't but more importantly because I can't. Mail from me comes from ME and not the discussion list and is not accepted by the challenge/response system.)

If you do not use a challenge/response service, then you should have no problem.
=== end quote ===

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743. Re: [BMHA] Re: Introduction from new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-25 01:22:40 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 737 Message: 743

Hi Michael,

That's great you know that some transmission rules do
exist.

Using a GPS you might be able to get a fix on the
repeaters. If that worked out you could determine
where to point a two or three element yagi. A yagi in
the UHF range would be bicycle friendly.

It sounds like fun. Keep us updated.

Scott

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744. FRS/ PMR 446.... WAS Introduction from new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-25 08:14:54 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 737 Message: 744

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, ROBERT A RICE <mrrobertarice1@j...> wrote:

> The UHF CB type radios he mentions are legal in the Aust. and UK for
> non-licensed people and output 5 watts max.
> They are similar to FRS radios here in the US.

The Euro/UK version of FRS is called PMR 446. It has very strict
compliance regulautions.
Only the built in fixed antenna can be used and the output power is
very low, I'm not sure what it is but it's 500mW or less.
They are great lttle rigs though. I use them all the time when out
with family and friends.
Very handy when out cycling with my non ham wife and son.

A 5 watt UHF service would be ideal but might get too popular :)

There is also a Short Range Radio service, which is higher power but
it licenced. This licence is quite expensive but cover a number of radios.
I have never used this, but it sounds very interesting.

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745. Thanks for a warm response

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-25 11:18:22 UTC
From: mmlife2001
Topic: 745 Message: 745

Hi

Thanks to everyone who responded online and off so positively and with heaps of good advice. I will certainly keep everyone informed of how the trip goes. We leave on November 10th for Northern Thailand, then travel to Hanoi to meet our clients and head up to Sapa on the Chinese border. We then take ourselves through Cambodia stopping at Angkor Watt, Phnom Penh & Bokur Hill Station before finally travelling to Ko Chang Island in Thailand and back to Bangkok on December 14th.

I am still interested in the practicalites of attaching an antenna to a bike as well as any other links/pictures to sites detailing these sort of things. I have been directed to a link with a 'Jurassic Duck'which looks very much like what I'll build/buy.Thanks again.

Regards

Michael

746. Re: [BMHA] Re: OT-New mwmber keeps getting auto message

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-25 13:28:11 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 741 Message: 746

Not very good advice to ask "EVERYONE: Please go back and re-read message
#654 on this board."

Not everyone reads these messages on the Yahoo webpage. There are some of us
who read them via eMail. There are even some of us who CANNOT read them on
the webpage. It is obvious that the person sending the verification message
is not reading the messages on the web page. At least you summarized the
message for everyone.

Richard in Boston, MA, USA
----- Original Message -----
From: "slafetra"
Subject: [BMHA] Re: OT-New mwmber keeps getting auto message

>> Each time I post to this group I get an automated response from
>> enigma_y_2000@y... asking me to verify myself as it has been
>> blocked by a spam filter. If this message is fair dinkum could
> that
>> person please adjust their settings. There is no way I'll resond
> to
>> such a message and I don't wish to keep being emailed. Thanks.
>>
>> Regards
>>
>> Michael
>
> EVERYONE: Please go back and re-read message #654 on this board.
>
> Challenge/response techniques for anti-spam filtering DO NOT WORK in
> public forums such as these. If you use them, you may become
> disconnected from the forum (see the message from Michael above for
> a good reason why this will happen).
>
> The gist of message #654 is repeated below:
>
> === start quote ===
> Some of you are not receiving email that you signed up for from this
> discussion list. This happens to people who
> use "challenge/response" systems to reduce the SPAM they receive.
>
> I'd like to take the time to remind people that challenge/response
> systems do not work well with mailing lists.
>
> When challenges such as the example below are received, you will not
> receive a response (both because I won't but more importantly
> because I can't. Mail from me comes from ME and not the discussion

> list and is not accepted by the challenge/response system.)
>
> If you do not use a challenge/response service, then you should have
> no problem.
> === end quote ===
>
> - Skip AA6WK
> BMHA-Webmaster@...

747. Re: [BMHA] FRS/ PMR 446.... WAS Introduction from new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-25 17:53:27 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 737 Message: 747

Darren,

Great website.

My eyes don't work as good as they once did. It makes
fabrication very difficult. Do you know of a place
will build a QRP rig. I bought a Small Wonder about a
year ago, but had to give up on it.

73, Scott, n7net

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ScottnBarb Laughlin
N7NET and KC7BSY, respectively
Allen, Texas
TH 4.85
'95 Burley Samba/Duet

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748. Re: [BMHA] FRS/ PMR 446.... WAS Introduction from new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-25 18:04:28 UTC
From: Mark J. Dulcey
Topic: 737 Message: 748

scott laughlin wrote:

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> fabrication very difficult. Do you know of a place
> will build a QRP rig. I bought a Small Wonder about a
> year ago, but had to give up on it.

There are certainly many people who will build Elecraft rigs for you; there is a list of them on the Elecraft web site (www.elecraft.com). Some of them will build rigs for disabled and older hams for free.

I haven't seen any online lists of builders for other brands such as Small Wonder Labs, but I'm certain that a post on QRP-L would turn up some willing builders. Or you could buy one that's already built; they come up for sale on QRP-L regularly.

If you're willing to try building anyway, you could check out the Optivisor, a magnifier that you wear like a hat. It's quite effective for seeing those small parts.

749. Re: [BMHA] Thanks for a warm response

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-25 11:38:18 UTC
From: Terry Collins
Topic: 745 Message: 749

mmlife2001 wrote:

> I am still interested in the practicalites of attaching an antenna

From someone who might do it one year,

Something mounted as far back or forward on your back or front rack,
Problems - gets in the road of swinging the leg over on the back, or
always in the vision in the front.

If it is a largish whip aerial, then it might wobble the bike under
certain circumstances, mass/length considerations.

Since I ride with a bob all the time, I'll probably mount it beside the
back wheel.

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Terry Collins {:-)}}} email: terryc at woa.com.au www:
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"People without trees are like fish without clean water"

750. Re: Thanks for a warm response

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-27 22:08:17 UTC
From: mmlife2001
Topic: 745 Message: 750

Hi Terry

I will be using a Bob through Cambodia but thought that mounting it on a rear rack might give me better performance becasue of the extra height.

In the end rather than build my own with limited knowledge, I have just
bought a 'Mobile One' D-4007 1200mm long 6db 477 MHz Antenna. It is a multiple stacked co-linear UHF antenna with a SWR of less than 1.5 to 1 (pretty much Greek to me) but came recommended by the assistant at Dick Smith Electronics (Sydney). Does this sound like a good purchase or not? Thanks

Michael

ps. It says it works best on a ground plane area of 1 square metre?? Does my bike and rack comply?

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751. Re: [BMHA] Re: Thanks for a warm response

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-28 03:45:45 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 745 Message: 751

Riding with a BOB, let me see....
must be pretty hard to do that...
Bob Rice, KG4RRN
Bike Mobile 7

Happy Holloween ALL BMHA members....

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

752. Re: Thanks for a warm response

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-28 10:23:11 UTC
From: mmlife2001
Topic: 745 Message: 752

Well actually Bob, we could put you on the back of our Trek tandem affectionately known as 13 1/2 foot of grunt!

Michael

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, ROBERT A RICE <mrrobertarice1@j...> wrote:
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> [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

753. Waterproof coaxial connectors

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-10-31 09:20:42 UTC
From: mmlife2001
Topic: 753 Message: 753

Hi

My brother said that the cheap and nasty coax connectors I had purchased were not good enough for cycle touring and suggested weatherproofed/waterproof connectors and the best cable I could buy, with the shortest run. Does anyone have any specifics for UHF use? Thanks

Michael

754. Re: [BMHA] Waterproof coaxial connectors

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-11-01 01:41:07 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 753 Message: 754

I think your brother is being a bit too purist for the distance involved and the other effects on the impedance but be that as it may, if you are only talking about VHF/UHF then Belden 9258 (RG-8X) and either solder N-connectors or the RF-Industries crimp type (you must buy their crimp tool to achieve a proper cold-weld) are what you want. As far as shortest run, we are talking about a bike. It is not going to be longer than 4 feet (1.3 meters) so it is insignificant. RG-8X is about the size of brake and gear cables so it runs nicely next to the cables and tided down with black zip ties (not too tight). At UHF if the bike is metal it will work fine as a ground plane for high gain UHF stacked element antennas (i.e. comet, diamond and similar manufacturers). If VHF I prefer to use a modified marine antenna or any other non-ground dependent half-wave or collinear design.

Go to the Files section of the BMHA yahoogroup and look at my bike installation (N0HZ) and the several other well done installations by others pictured there.

BTW, with HF the rules change. In that case you DO NOT want N-connectors (perfect 50 ohm impedance). You DO want high quality PL259/SO239 combinations. This has to do with the changing impedance nature of H.F. at the antenna point especially if you are using a tuner.

If you can't get Belden, I bought some RG-8X from Radio Shack (Tandy Electronics) the other day for a different application and it seems they have significantly improved that product.

Good Luck,

S. Earl Jarosh
N0HZ (ex. KA0VYB) No Hertz, No Gain

----- Original Message -----
From: "mmlife2001" <fitlifestyle@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2004 3:20 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Waterproof coaxial connectors

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> Michael

755. Hams on Parade

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-11-22 22:45:39 UTC
From: Luis
Topic: 755 Message: 755

Hello fellow bicycle ridin' hams!

I'm here to invite you to watch the Washington Mutual Thanksgiving Day Parade from Houston, Texas. Our recumbent bicycle group has a couple of hams in it and we'd like for you to look for us in this year's Parade. We should be entry 51, I think. Look for at least 3 bikes with antennas on them. I should be on the air on 14.267 (+/- 3kHz for QRM/N)from 1300 UTC until the end of the parade.

IF all goes well, my Easy Racers Sport will be sporting an Icom 706 MkII-G, a HamStick Dipole in a V configuration, plus an Icom W32A for local repeater comms. We're hoping to have an EchoLink hook up as well... and lastly, one of the guys should have APRS working a Tiny Tracker!

The Parade will be televised in Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and a few other towns in Texas. It is also being televised in other markets like Phoenix, and Albuquerque among others.

Hope you see us! Hope to work you as well!

Until then... 73!

Luis KD5KJD

756. RE: [BMHA] Hams on Parade

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-11-23 00:17:36 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 755 Message: 756

Can you get us some pics? That would be really good for those of us not near TX.

Thanks,

Jack KE4LWT
-----Original Message-----
From: Luis [mailto:kd5kjd@...]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2004 5:46 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Hams on Parade

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757. Re: Hams on Parade

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-11-24 22:35:43 UTC
From: Luis
Topic: 755 Message: 757

Sure thing! Have the camera's battery pack charging now. How big
should I make the files? What's too big? Too small?

Luis KD5KJD

Hamming it up on a black Easy Racers Sport...

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758. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hams on Parade

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-11-25 00:54:39 UTC
From: ROBERT A RICE
Topic: 755 Message: 758

Luis,
In the Yahoo Help Section under this group are the "Read me" files for seeing how big a picture file
should be.
I think if you look at the other pics,(files) it lists the size.
73 and have a safe ride all.
We who do the impossible with handhelds, while on a bike..
Happy thanksgiving all. Don't eat turkey-eat ham instead !!!
Bob Rice, K G 4 R R N (kermit golly four radio rendered nuclear)
Veteran of 2 Marine Corp Marathons' Bike Mobile
member: ARRL, FFX. COUNTY ARES, NVTN, NVFMA,SkyWarn,VWS,
e-mail : mrrobertarice1@...

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759. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hams on Parade

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2004-11-25 13:55:38 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 755 Message: 759

Robert,

I'll be watching for you fellows in the Washington
Mutual Parade.

I like your phonetic call. I once knew Mike KM7T
(sk) in Eugene, Oregon who used the phonetics: Kiss
My 7 Toes.

73, Scott, N7NET (Need 7 Naked Extra Terrestrials)
Allen, Texas

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Scott, N7NET

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760. New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-18 17:31:01 UTC
From: Jeffrey
Topic: 760 Message: 760

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now and enjoy bike riding. My question to the group is whether
anyone uses clipless pedals when you go on long rides?
What style pedals are the best to use on a Road bike?

73s - Jeffrey / ke6kds de Los Angeles

761. Re: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-18 20:18:35 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 760 Message: 761

Welcome to the group. We're glad to have you aboard.
Have you read the piece in the latest QST about the
father and son outfitting their bikes with
electronics. It evidently became a contest.

Tell us about yourself.

72 de Scott, N7NET

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Scott, N7NET

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762. Re: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-18 19:09:04 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 760 Message: 762

Hello!

I've been using clipless since they came out. Just much safer for me - not breaking a leg or ankle.

The longest ride I've taken has been a week @ about 400mi.

I like the Look or the Shimano as they have a huge platform and you can get something in anyone's price range.

Hope this helps.

Best,

Bill
w8hi
----- Original Message -----
From: Jeffrey
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2005 11:31 AM
Subject: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

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763. Re: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-18 20:59:27 UTC
From: Dan Griswold
Topic: 760 Message: 763

Hi Jeff,

I think that if you're used to clipless pedals, then you won't want to use anything else. Clipless pedals, actually, make even more sense for long rides, which is what you were asking about.

73

Dan KC5GMR
Rochester, NY

764. RE: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-18 21:54:25 UTC
From: Dixon Timothy E Contr HQ SSG/ENEE
Topic: 760 Message: 764

Jeffrey,
Clipless are definitely the way to go, no matter how long of a ride. Primarily, because you have the ability to utilize more of your pedal stroke, more efficiently than with any other style of pedal. I worked as a bike mechanic for the last ten years. Email me privately and we can discuss it further. I think this is an interesting discussion, and I'd like to continue it, but I'm not sure if this group is the best place to discuss it, simply because the focus lies more on ham-radio related activities. (Hope I'm being tactful about this.) ;o)

Tim Dixon
BTAS, Inc.
334.416.3404

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765. RE: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-18 22:03:33 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 760 Message: 765

Hi Jeffrey. Be careful asking which *anything* is best (like asking which Ham radio is best!) Everyone has the opinion that theirs is better than everyone else's! :-)

I used to do some road riding, and have done the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG) several times. For any distance riding, I highly recommend some type of clip or pedal attachment - it will greatly improve your pedaling efficiency.

At the time, I was in college, and had a decent touring bike with toe straps (a nylon strap to hold your foot on the pedal). The advantage was that you didn't need to buy expensive "bike shoes" (and you could walk around off the bike without having a huge attachment under your shoe). These days, about the only place you'll see this type of clip is on mountain bikes (since they allow easy entry and exit for the shoe).

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KD4SHK

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766. RE: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-19 02:21:35 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 760 Message: 766

Hi Jeffrey,
Welcome to the group and bicycle hamming, you will love it.
I also use clipless for some time now. They make a huge difference. I use shimano spd style that came on my lemond. Something else that was on it when I got it was a platform attachment clipped into one side of the pedal. I liked that so much that I left it on. I am not a big fan of the take off in large rides, especially with all those wires hanging off of me and a 5/8 2m whip on the back. I would hate to get knocked over with all that stuff. So, when the ride takes off, I use the platform side and then clip in after I get rolling and clear of other riders. Its pretty neat.
Again, welcome; and if I can be of any assistance, let me know.
Jim
wb4ofm

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767. Re: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-19 23:01:58 UTC
From: Jeffrey
Topic: 760 Message: 767

You're right - thanks again.
73
Jeffrey

dgriswol@... wrote:

>
> Hi Jeff,
>
> I think that if you're used to clipless pedals, then you won't want to
> use anything else. Clipless pedals, actually, make even more sense for
> long rides, which is what you were asking about.
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> Dan KC5GMR
> Rochester, NY
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768. Re: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-19 23:03:29 UTC
From: Jeffrey
Topic: 760 Message: 768

Any views about Speedplay pedals

tobsharp@... wrote:

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> Hello!
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> I've been using clipless since they came out. Just much safer for me -
> not breaking a leg or ankle.
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> The longest ride I've taken has been a week @ about 400mi.
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> I like the Look or the Shimano as they have a huge platform and you
> can get something in anyone's price range.
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> Hope this helps.
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> Best,
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> Bill
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Jeffrey
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2005 11:31 AM
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769. Re: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-19 23:08:42 UTC
From: Jeffrey
Topic: 760 Message: 769

Thanks for the reply - yes, I've made a few visits to my local shops,
but I wanted input from Hams who were riding bikes and may have
used a clipless system. I've had a very positive reply from many
members.
73
Jeffrey / ke6kds

kd4shk@... wrote:

>
> Hi Jeffrey. Be careful asking which *anything* is
> best (like asking which Ham radio is best!)
> Everyone has the opinion that theirs is better
> than everyone else's! :-)
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>
> I used to do some road riding, and have done the
> Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG) several times.
> For any distance riding, I highly recommend some
> type of clip or pedal attachment - it will greatly
> improve your pedaling efficiency.
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>
> At the time, I was in college, and had a decent
> touring bike with toe straps (a nylon strap to
> hold your foot on the pedal). The advantage was
> that you didn't need to buy expensive "bike shoes"
> (and you could walk around off the bike without
> having a huge attachment under your shoe). These
> days, about the only place you'll see this type of
> clip is on mountain bikes (since they allow easy
> entry and exit for the shoe).
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> I'd highly recommend that you visit your local
> bike shop and see what they offer. See what they
> recommend for your type of riding. Try them out
> and see for yourself what works for you.
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> Sam

> KD4SHK
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Jeffrey [mailto:ke6kds@...]
> Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2005 12:31 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all
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770. Re: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-19 23:11:35 UTC
From: Jeffrey
Topic: 760 Message: 770

I truly appreciate the input many members have sent to me regarding clipless/pedals. I hope to incorporate what I have learned from all of you and just go out and try a pedal system. Then, all I need is to coordinate my handheld into the picture.
73s
Jeffrey / ke6kds

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771. Re: [BMHA] New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-20 22:39:51 UTC
From: Jonathan Cullifer W4CGP
Topic: 760 Message: 771

A lot of people swear by Speedplays; the bearings need to be overhauled every year, so they're high maintenance as far as pedals go, but they're technically good pedals and I don't think you could go wrong. I personally use Ultegra SPD-SL pedals on my road bike.

Jonathan Cullifer W4CGP

On Wed, 2005-01-19 at 18:03, Jeffrey wrote:

> Any views about Speedplay pedals
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> tobsharp@... wrote:
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772. Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-21 17:01:21 UTC
From: N2NH
Topic: 760 Message: 772

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, scott laughlin <n7net@y...> wrote:
> Welcome to the group. We're glad to have you aboard.
> Have you read the piece in the latest QST about the
> father and son outfitting their bikes with
> electronics. It evidently became a contest.

I ride a bike with ham radio in Brooklyn, NY too. I found that it's best to keep it simple. I use a handlebar bag on my Mountain bike to hold a Yaesu FT-817 and run a Outbacker Joey on my luggage rack (MFJ mount). Problem is that the roads here are so rough, they managed to separate the PL-259 connector on the Joey. I suppose I'll fix it and try a hamstick instead.

John/N2NH

773. Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-21 16:55:43 UTC
From: N2NH
Topic: 760 Message: 773

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jeffrey" <ke6kds@n...> wrote:
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> now and enjoy bike riding. My question to the group is whether
> anyone uses clipless pedals when you go on long rides?
> What style pedals are the best to use on a Road bike?
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> 73s - Jeffrey / ke6kds de Los Angeles

Hi Jeffrey,

I find that the 'rattrap' pedals with toe clips and straps are
invaluable on my road bike. I use clips on my mountain bike too.
It took a bit of getting used to, but after awhile you don't notice it.
I've had very little trouble with them even in the NYC traffic.

73
John/N2NH

774. BMHA Forum Speakers wanted

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-21 17:55:13 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 774 Message: 774

BMHA will be hosting a forum at the Dayton Hamvention again this year. It will be the morning of Sunday May 22nd. As the forum moderator, I am looking for one or two persons who would like to present or show at the forum. If you would like to be a presentor, please contact me at nf0n@... to discuss. We would like it to be bicycle Ham related but anything close to that would be considered. It could be an actual bicycle presentation or a power-point presentation, slide show or just a stand up talk or presentation.

Mike, NF0N

775. Re: [BMHA] Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-21 17:56:58 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 760 Message: 775

John,

Where in Brooklyn?

Not Brooklyn Ave by any chance?

Best,

Bill
----- Original Message -----
From: N2NH
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2005 11:01 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

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776. Re: [BMHA] Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-21 22:06:11 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 760 Message: 776

It is best to keep it as simple as possible.

If it weren't for solid state bike mobile radio would
not even be possible. Not only would the tubes not
stand the grind without shock mounting, but the
necessary power supplies and batteries would make it
impossible.

73 de Scott

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Scott, N7NET

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777. Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-22 06:51:17 UTC
From: N2NH
Topic: 760 Message: 777

I'm in Bay Ridge (Brooklyn, NY) near the R train. Got a nice bike path by the bay north of the Verrazano Bridge and on the south side is the ocean. It runs right out to Kennedy Airport. Prospect Park is nice too.

John/N2NH

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778. Re: [BMHA] Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-22 14:32:40 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 760 Message: 778

My wife guessed you were probably from one of three places, Bay Ridge, Park Slope, or Brooklyn Heights.

She grew up on Brooklyn Ave and lived in Park Slope for awhile.

We'll have to get together for a ride when we're there the next time.

I often stop in at Conrads in Tudor City. The last time I was there I picked up a map that shows routes in and around Manhattan.

Best,

Bill
w8hi
----- Original Message -----
From: N2NH
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2005 12:51 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

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779. GOBA Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-23 16:22:06 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 779 Message: 779

Something like this has been posted on the BMHA home page:

GOBA Announcement

You may already know the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure is the largest family oriented week long bicycle tour in the U.S. But did you know that this year will be its 17th year?

http://www.goba.com/

Because of our size and needs we?re pretty sure that nowhere are more bicycle mobile hams operating at any one time, anywhere in the country than during GOBA. There's so many of us, GOBA usually gets us all together one night so we can have an eyeball. And thinking of food, GOBA is literally like a week long church social, there are so many opportunities to eat home made food and desserts

In the GOBA amateur radio community being reactive to emergencies is our only focus. Because of that we are able to maintain a near 5 minute response time due in large part to the quality of our bicycle mobile operation.

The volunteer bicycle mobile hams are the front line communication link between the riders and help. The more bicycle operators we have, the shorter that delay between injury and aid. So, we?re continually looking for ways to reduce that time period between when a rider gives a thumbs down to a bicycle mobile and asks for help and when one of the tour?s three squads arrives. For this group of uniquely suitable hams the mission for seven days every year between Father's Day and Field Day in June is to get medical help to an injured rider as quickly as possible.

As you may recall me mentioning before, Hartley Alley (founder of BMHA as well as the originator of the Hilly Hundred in IN) was instrumental in getting bicycle mobiles up and running 17 on GOBA years ago. That's how he and I got to know each other. We saw bicycle mobile ham radio on GOBA as an elite group, those who could be depended on, could be counted on in an emergency to do the best thing/the right thing because they'd done it before.

In fact, Hartley edited my article on bicycle mobile emergency communications that was in CQ-VHF.

We thought this corps could then teach others, because of the unique operating situation during which only hams who ride bicycles qualify.

But enough of the background.

I wanted to get the word out to as many bicycle mobile hams as possible to just let them know about GOBA and the role they would play should they decide to see if they have what it takes to run all out as a bicycle mobile ham for a week, literally 24 ? 7 under emergency conditions.

We view it as the ultimate emergency preparedness test. These are the hams who get the real experience. In a national emergency these are the operators who would be looked to as they have the experience of handling the communications for a transient town of 3,000 that moves 50 or so miles a day.

We only get a chance to have this kind of experience and training once a year.

More information at

http://www.gobahams.org/

Thanks,

Bill

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780. Re: [BMHA] GOBA Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-24 15:26:22 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 779 Message: 780

bill

are you looking for voluteers for the event? if so, let me know the time and place
and if i am able i will vouteer my time and radio

sincerely

cahrlie kc2hkf

Sent by Military.com Email

781. Re: [BMHA] GOBA Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-25 01:03:16 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 779 Message: 781

Charlie,

We sure are.

Go to the GOBA website and get signed up.

What kind of set-up do you have?

Best,

Bill
----- Original Message -----
From: charles hingston
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2005 9:26 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] GOBA Ham Radio

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782. Re: Re: [BMHA] GOBA Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-25 13:55:55 UTC
From: charles hingston
Topic: 779 Message: 782

Bill

when yopu say go the goba and sign up--do i assume that i am to regeister as a rider --and pay the fee or is goba waving the fee for volinteeers? my rig is a icom 1c-t90a multi-bander

charlie

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783. Re: Re: [BMHA] GOBA Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-26 00:32:40 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 779 Message: 783

Charlie,

Thanks for asking that question. I should have been more clear.

GOBA has been the largest testing ground for bicycle mobile emergency operation for over 15 years. Those who are interested in learning the latest in operating techniques as well as bicycle mobile installations gladly register and pay the fee for the opportunity to learn. Most new GOBA bicycle mobile radio operators are experienced so they listen to the operation, often for a season before really participating. There will be many of these hams who will do no more than check in when they leave in the morning so net control knows approximately where they are in relation to the other Adventurers. However, after one or two years, most are smoothly proficient and are handling emergencies. More often than not, most will be involved in some circumstance within four years. Again, these are proficient operators who know how much more important it is to listen rather than talk and it's not unusual to critique the day later in the evening with the medics.

Although this is an unusually intense training opportunity, no reqiurements for participation need be met other than to register.

I should have been more clear in stating that this announcement was for awareness rather than recruiting purposes.

GOBA wants those who are willing to learn state of the art bicycle mobile emergency opertations and more important, those who will take the lead in training others at local one or two day rides.

Our medical organization operates in a similar way. Doctors who are specializing in sports medicine areas join GOBA to experience the cutting edge in large recreational group medical support circumstances. In fact, participation is in such demand and slots so limited that the week is divided into two parts so more doctors can attend.

At this point, GOBA is not limiting bicycle mobile amateurs because it recognizes the these operators are the first line, the point of contact for the riders in need of help.

I hope this answers you question Charlie.

Be sure and sign on to

goba_rider@...

to see what questions are being asked by first time riders. This will help you as a bicycle mobile better understand the new rider's circumstance.

They are often the recipient of our support.

Thanks again for asking.

Best,

Bill

P. S. Where are you? I'm in Ft. Worth

----- Original Message -----
From: charles hingston
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2005 7:55 AM
Subject: Re: Re: [BMHA] GOBA Ham Radio

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784. New member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-26 00:42:24 UTC
From: Jeffrey
Topic: 784 Message: 784

I am a new meber here, I am sorta new to bicycle rideing but not new to ham. I have starting traing for a BRAG ride in 2006 <www.brag.org> is a ride doing appx 400-500 miles in 6-7 days. I am looking for a good but chad bike, in the range of $100-$150, any suggestions?

Thanks
Jeffrey, KD4QFH
Coffee County, GA EC

785. Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-26 05:28:10 UTC
From: N2NH
Topic: 760 Message: 785

Sounds good, my fiance lived near 5th Ave in Park Slope for awhile.

There is a .pdf downloadable map available online with the the NYC
bike paths at:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/bike/mapfront.pdf
http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/bike/mapback.pdf

You'll need Adobe 6+ to view them properly though.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Sharp" <tobsharp@e...> wrote:
>
> My wife guessed you were probably from one of three places, Bay
Ridge, Park Slope, or Brooklyn Heights.
>
> She grew up on Brooklyn Ave and lived in Park Slope for awhile.
>
> We'll have to get together for a ride when we're there the next time.
>
> I often stop in at Conrads in Tudor City. The last time I was there
I picked up a map that shows routes in and around Manhattan.
>
> Best,
>
> Bill
> w8hi

786. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-26 05:48:59 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 786

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /N2NH/mapfront.pdf
Uploaded by : n2nh_nyc <john@...>
Description : Bicycle Map of NYC bike paths and routes. Adobe Acrobat Reader Needed (.pdf file).

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/N2NH/mapfront.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

n2nh_nyc <john@...>

787. Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-26 05:56:51 UTC
From: N2NH
Topic: 760 Message: 787

Hi Bill,

Just a quick note. I uploaded the files for the .pdf maps of the bike paths / routes here. If you need the Adobe Acrobat Reader for it, it's a free download available at:

http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html

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788. Re: [BMHA] Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-26 06:27:55 UTC
From: n7cvb@aol.com
Topic: 760 Message: 788

How about sending individual messages to individual email addresses? Thanks.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

789. Fw: [BMHA] Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-01-26 15:53:30 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 789 Message: 789

John,

Send me an e-mail direct so I can get your address, OK?

Thanks,

Bill

----- Original Message -----
From: n7cvb@...
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2005 12:27 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: New Member - Hi Y'all

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790. Ride for the Roses

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-03 20:45:19 UTC
From: jim h
Topic: 790 Message: 790

Has anyone ridden in this in Austin and is it a Ham Radio assisted
event?
I am trying to find a way to get away from the house for 3 days and
go do it.
jim
wb4ofm

791. New here :)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-06 17:38:08 UTC
From: Ryan
Topic: 791 Message: 791

Hello Everyone,

I am new to the group and I am seriously looking into becoming a
bicycle mobile. That being said, can anyone sugest any sites covering
this very subject for beginers??
Thanks for the help.
Ryan
KC2LKS

792. RE: [BMHA] New here :)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-06 23:13:39 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 791 Message: 792

Welcome, Ryan!

Now for the big question... What mode(s) do you plan on using. For VHF/UHF and APRS, I can give you some suggestions. But for HF, I wouldn't be of any help.

Jack KE4LWT

-----Original Message-----
From: Ryan [mailto:kc2lks@...]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2005 11:38 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] New here :)

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793. South Jersey/Philadelphia

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-08 14:35:03 UTC
From: Louis M. Smith
Topic: 793 Message: 793

Anyone from the area on the list?
-Louis
KB3KUR

794. Re: New here :)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-08 23:45:28 UTC
From: Ryan
Topic: 791 Message: 794

Hi Jack,

My intention is to use my 2M/70cm HT to acess a couple of local
repeaters and use simplex when needed.
73,
Ryan
KC2LKS
--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jack Smith" <jrsmith2@c...> wrote:
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> Jack KE4LWT
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ryan [mailto:kc2lks@y...]
> Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2005 11:38 AM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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795. Philly/South Jersey???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-09 01:00:47 UTC
From: Ron Isaacson
Topic: 795 Message: 795

Hi Lou. Ron, n3tlq from Philly here. And in the summer weekends and vacation time @ mother-in-law's in Cape May. Surprise, I'm not much of a biker, but I do a lot of mobile ops. If it's radio, and it moves, I'm fascinated by it and want to learn more. That's why I lurk here, among other similar sites...73 de Ron

796. Re: New here :)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-11 20:12:43 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 791 Message: 796

Ryan 2/70 bike operation is easier than you think.

The main problem is getting the audio to and from the rig and switching PTT.

I was lucky in that here in the UK there is a headset that has a PTT socket in the control box :)

If you are any use at all with a few basic tools and have half an idea how to fabricate what you can't buy then you'll be on the air within a couple of hours.

Fins a way to mount the antenna. Mine sits on an adadpted bracket on the very rear of my rear rack.
Find some way to mount the rig. My VX-7R is mounted by it's button on the rear to a slightly modified fork typ mic holder that is cable tied to the handlebar stem.

Then route a cable between the ant and the rig, tieing it down to keep it neat etc.

Now is the fun bit. Finding a way to get a headset and PTT working. This depends on the rig, but it's fairly simple but might mean a few minutes with a soldering iron :)

That's it! On the air.

I suggest that you give it a try and if/when you hit problems ask how to overcome them.

The battery on the VX7 seems to last forever, but some people like to carry extra capacity. I can do this but rarely have to. It all depends on your rig an battery.

Just make sure that anything mounted to the bike isn't going to fall off at the first bump. Make sure any cables aren't going to tangle in the works. Try and fit a "break away" between the rig and the headset. if you come a cropper, you want a clean break from the bike, you don't want to be tied to it. I've had 2 mishaps and both times I've been glad of the breakaway.

Use memories when mobile. It's dificult to change channel, insert tones etc when mobile. program you memories for the repeaters etc that you will be using. Even program up the calling channels and simplex frequencies that you might want.
It's easier to dial through memories than it is to try and tune the VFO and hit menus etc.

Use the rig in single band mode. This usually means a bigger display. easier to read when mobile. I now have my VX7 in dual band mode though. One VFO on a broadcast station and the other on memories for my local repeaters. I also use the auto mute feature, so that when my local repeater gets a call, the BC staton cuts out. So I have music and chat if I want it :)

Don't use headphones. Only use a single earpiece. You'll need to be able to hear traffic around you. Keep one ear listening to your surroundings.

With the antenna mounted on the very rear of the bike you WILL be directional. Be prepared to stop and point the bike in another direction if you want to carry on talking :)

There is no real reason why your signal shouldn't be as good as a car based mobile station running the same power. Your bike will be a plenty big enough ground for V/UHF.
I've had people tell me that if I wasn't panting (talking and riding really does take your breath away) they'd never have known I was on a bike.

Get a decent pair of shorts with good padding. You'll be so busy talking away that you will forget where you are and before you know it the ride to the shops has taken you 30 miles away :)
Don't forget to tell everyone you speak to that you are bicycle mobile. Spread the word!!!

Bike mobile is now my main mode of operation. I rarely operate from home now.

Have fun and Happy peddaling

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

797. Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-11 20:46:22 UTC
From: kf5nd@yahoo.com
Topic: 797 Message: 797

I bike commute to work. I notice a big investment of time at the end of the day seems to be in loading equipment back on the bike. The bag. The lights. The water. Unlocking it. All of this takes 3 - 5 minutes.

I kinda don't want to add "just one more thing" to hook-up to the bike at the end of the day, because if it isn't vital, I'll end up not doing it.

Also, I have a two-bike situation. Don't want to duplicate mounting hardware for two bikes. And I really don't want more hardware on either bike, really.

Now, I am close to the repeater I want to use. So antenna not that important. Have hit it with a few hundred mw and a duck.

Has anyone tried using a credit-card sized HT fastened to one's helmet, with some kind of boom mike? Does that work?

73,
Pete

798. Hi bike hams....new on the list

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-09 15:08:08 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 798 Message: 798

Hi BHMA Group,

This is my first post. I've lurked a while at the files
area at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/ and I must
say, I'm impressed with your setups and the amount of
pictures in general.

I'll have to get cracking and make a mount for my Kenwood,
TH-F6A and some sort of external antenna. Right now
I am running my Trek Fuel 80, full suspension mountain bike
with the rig on the back of my belt. Maybe I should just
have someone take a picture of my backside!

My battery pack is 14.4 volts using 2, 7.2 volt, 3A, NiMH RC
batteries in series. I use DC/DC switching regulators to supply
3V, 6V and 12V for radios, white and red LED lighting and anything
else electrical.

The batteries are mounted in a Radio Shack plastic mini box on the
down tube near the crank for a low center of gravity/balance.

I will upload some pictures of what I have so far.

Best regards to the group.

Tom
San Diego, CA
KE6YNH, 73

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799. Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 01:27:14 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 797 Message: 799

Hi,

I remember rubber duck antennas that clipped on the
baseball cap. We used to see them at the ham fests.
I don't know know where people bought them, but I bet
somebody does.

73 de Scott

=====
Scott, N7NET

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800. Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 01:36:47 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 797 Message: 800

Hi Pete(KF5ND) and the BMHA Group,

Pete wrote:

>Has anyone tried using a credit-card sized HT fastened to one's
>helmet, with some kind of boom mike? Does that work?

Pete, even at low power I would not recommend you put your
rig and antenna near your head and eyes.

A brain is a terrible thing to waste.

Tom
KE6YNH, 73

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

801. Re: [BMHA] Hi bike hams....new on the list

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 02:35:09 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 798 Message: 801

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom"
Subject: [BMHA] Hi bike hams....new on the list
(snip)
> The batteries are mounted in a Radio Shack plastic mini box on the
> down tube near the crank for a low center of gravity/balance.
(snip)

First, welcome to the group!

Second, Have you thought about that "..low center of gravity / balance." thing, or are you just following "common sense"? (Remember, "common sense" is what tells us that the world is flat!)

A bike is not a car. A bike has two wheels .. a car has four wheels (positioned around the edges) A bike has to balance to stay upright .. a car does not. Admittdley a bike *when*moving* has some gyroscopic help to stay upright, but balance is of prime importance.

Did you ever try to balance a stick on the point of your finger? Attach a weight to one end of the stick ... now try balancing it with the weight on the top end ... EASY to balance ... now turn it over and try to balance it with the weight next to your finger ... VERY HARD to balance.

How can this be?? After all the center of gravity is much, much lower in the second example, correct? So ... lowering the center of gravity does not always make things more stable. Maybe it's the same with bikes?

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"

802. Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 02:44:40 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 797 Message: 802

----- Original Message -----
From: <kf5nd
Subject: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

> Now, I am close to the repeater I want to use. So antenna not
> that important. Have hit it with a few hundred mw and a duck.

> Has anyone tried using a credit-card sized HT fastened to one's
> helmet, with some kind of boom mike? Does that work?

And how would you key it?? Trust me, VOX does not work on a bike.

I have an antenna mounted on the rear rack. I've never mounted a rig on the bike. I always attach it to my person. I usually wear "bike clothes" and wear a special belt just to hold the rig on my waist (spandex shorts don't need belts;-)

If you are *really* that close to the repeater an HT on your belt with a stock duckie would work. By the way, just because you have hit the repeater with a few hundred mw and a duck does not mean that once you start riding around that you'll continue to make it into the repeater every place you go.

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"

803. Fw: Your e-mail to is being challenged

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 02:53:23 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 803 Message: 803

Ok...what is this? Who is "Cloud 9"? and, by the way, my mail got thru anyway .... UNLESS it was from someone _on_the_list_, rather than from the list itself. Yeah, must be ... sorry guys .. this is tacky to have EVERYONE on a mailing list need to be "authorized" .. whoever you are, I'm not going to play .. you won't see my stuff in your mailbox.

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"
----- Original Message -----
From: "Cloud 9 Postmaster" <postmaster@...>
To: <ramirault@...>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 9:35 PM
Subject: Your e-mail to <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> is being challenged

> The recipient that you tried to send your e-mail to has the Cloud 9
> mail challenge service enabled on their e-mail account. You must
> add yourself to their permitted senders list by browsing to the
> following URL and answering the puzzle:
>
> https://customercare.cloud9.net/mailchallenge.cgi?challenge-id=d0c729900dfc7a15e5738a3b395e5a1d
>
> If you do not follow that URL and answer the question presented within
> 7 days, the e-mail that you sent will be deleted.
>

804. Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 03:08:22 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 797 Message: 804

Hi kf5nd,

I have a suggestion, pete. If you want help don't
make it so difficult for those willing help. It's
very rude. Go find someone else to control. I have
better things to do.

N7NET

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Scott, N7NET

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805. Re: [BMHA] Hi bike hams....new on the list

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 04:39:05 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 798 Message: 805

Hi Richard(N1JDU) and the Group,

Richard wrote:

>lowering the center of gravity does not
>always make things more stable.
>Maybe it's the same with bikes?

I tried mounting the battery box high up on the back carrier and mounting it lower and center works best for me.

Luckily my bike has 2 threaded in inserts in the down tube near the crank area, where a water bottle is normally mounted. So the battery box fits and is stable and well balanced for me.

I notice the difference when maneuvering turns.

Take care.

Tom
San Diego, CA
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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

806. Re: [BMHA] Hi bike hams....new on the list

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 05:01:32 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 798 Message: 806

Not this again! A low center of gravity is more stable. Balancing a broom has nothing to do with the center of gravity. As a mater of fact, If the center of gravity is low enough you wouldn't have to balance it, it would stand on it's own.

Back to balancing a broom. The broom balances because the greater mass is at the top. An object at rest tends to stay at rest. The broom head doesn't want to start moving but gravity pulls it and it starts to move. The broom handle has much less mass and is attached to (resting on) your hand so you can move it under the broom head. This keeps the broom head up in the air. The wisk broom is harder to balance because it has a very short, almost non-existent, handle so you can't move it under the head.

You balance a bicycle from the top, not from the bottom. you want to be able to move yourself around on top of the bike without making the bike fall over. You need a low center of gravity to do this. Simple physics. Force is equal to the lever-arm times the force. The lower the center of gravity the shorter the lever-arm gravity has to work with to tip the bike over and the longer lever-arm you have to work with to keep the bike upright. There are other factors that affect the stability of a bike; rake of front fork, height of bottom bracket, size of wheels, etc. But, all else being equal, the lower the center of gravity the more stable the bike.

73 de AC7EW
Kelly
----- Original Message -----
From: Richard Amirault<mailto:ramirault@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com<mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 7:35 PM
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Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault<http://www.erols.com/ramirault> "Go Fly A Kite"

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

807. Re: Hi bike hams....new on the list

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 05:39:51 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 798 Message: 807

As for balance, the high center-of-gravity does have some effect,
but in my experience it isn't really a practically large concern.

I have had one (frightening) experience with mass on a bicycle
decent -- but it was because I was carrying a (large, since it was
in the 1970s) professional camera on a neck-strap that was swinging
side-to-side as I descended a mountain road (King's Mountain, if you
know the San Francisco Bay Area).

It was the swinging and not the mass that caused the problem.

High or low mounting should not be much of an issue -- as long as
you can assure that it doesn't shift or swing while "in transit".

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

808. My photo album

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 09:13:39 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 808 Message: 808

Hi Group,

I have uploaded 5 pictures of my bicycle and hardware
for hamming. The radio is used on my belt for now, until I can
devise a sure fire way to keep the little pocket radio from
becoming road trash.

See http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/. Click on "photos".
Then click on my photo album, "Tom_KE6YNH".

Cheers.

Tom
San Diego, CA
KE6YNH, 73

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

809. Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 12:06:02 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 797 Message: 809

Scott, I have no idea what you're talking about. I didn't reply to ANYONE.

I am reading all of the replies with grat interest.

Maybe you're confusing me with a random piece of spam mail you received???

Peter

----- Original Message -----
From: "scott laughlin" <n7net@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 9:08 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Hi kf5nd,

I have a suggestion, pete. If you want help don't
make it so difficult for those willing help. It's
very rude. Go find someone else to control. I have
better things to do.

N7NET

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Scott, N7NET

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This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to
prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts
will be deleted.

Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for
questions and/or suggestions.

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suggestions.

Yahoo! Groups Links

810. Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 15:40:09 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 797 Message: 810

"Cloud 9 Postmaster" <postmaster@...> Add to
Address Book
To: n7net@...
Subject: Your e-mail to BMHA@yahoogroups.com is being
challenged
Date: Fri, 11 Feb 2005 20:27:29 -0500 (EST)

The recipient that you tried to send your e-mail to
has the Cloud 9
mail challenge service enabled on their e-mail
account. You must
add yourself to their permitted senders list by
browsing to the
following URL and answering the puzzle:

https://customercare.cloud9.net/mailchallenge.cgi?challenge-id=af7f9421981b2065eca79643295
160dc

If you do not follow that URL and answer the question
presented within
7 days, the e-mail that you sent will be deleted.

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Peter,

Nor am I sure what you are talking about. I respond
to few BMHA postings. The above message, however, is
what arrived in my box only minutes after responding
to your.

If I've jumped to the wrong conclusion I stand
corrected.

=====
Scott, N7NET

Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Mail - You care about security. So do we.
http://promotions.yahoo.com/new_mail

811. Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 16:02:06 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 797 Message: 811

I'm no expert on these things .. but I think these "Cloud 9" messages are from spam blocker software. The software looks at the "From" address and if the name is not already "approved" the software sends the message below to check to see if it was a "real" person or just spam.

However, since messages on this list are delivered with the original senders name (not the list name) then EVERYONE who sends a messge to the list will get one of these messages (at least the first time) .. I assume that if you don't respond the first time .. and you send other messages .. then the software assumes it is spam and blocks it.

This is poor programming on the spam blocker's part ... or if the software has an option to filter on the SUBJECT field instead of the FROM field .. then the problem lies with the person running the software not choosing the appropriate option.

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"
----- Original Message -----
From: "scott laughlin"
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

"Cloud 9 Postmaster" <postmaster@...> Add to
Address Book
To: n7net@...
Subject: Your e-mail to BMHA@yahoogroups.com is being
challenged

812. Re: [BMHA] My photo album

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 16:39:14 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 808 Message: 812

Tom,

Your photos are very impressive, Tom. I think we
could all learn something from your efforts. When
time permits it would be nice if you could write a
story of how this project has evolved to its present
stage. Do you ever turn heads with the air horn? I
once met a trucker who had installed a lomotive horn
on his tractor/trailer. He used to turn heads.

72/73

Scott

=====
Scott, N7NET

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813. Re: [BMHA] Hi all, need some ideas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 18:16:31 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 797 Message: 813

The CloudNine messages are not from me, I'm just using plain vanilla Yahoo mail.

Someone's CloudNine spam blocker is responding to my emails, for some reason, and telling the whole group about it, which is a poor way of configuring the service, indeed.

73,
Pete

814. Misconfigured spam-blockers and what it does to this group

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 19:36:14 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 797 Message: 814

This message is intended to be the definitive END of this particular conversation, as it is off-topic to both bicycles and ham radio. It is annoying and constitutes "spam" in my mind. Proactive steps that you can take are outlined below.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Peter Wang" <kf5nd@y...> wrote:
> Someone's CloudNine spam blocker is responding to my emails, for some
> reason, and telling the whole group about it, which is a poor way of
> configuring the service, indeed.

It is actually quite worse than this. Some members have the Yahoo! group send automatic mail. And some subscribers have such misconfigured spamblockers (see my editorial below).

As one of the "bounce" addresses for this group, I receive 'challenge' responses from such Spam-blockers -- and I >CANNOT< do anything except ignore them. They expect a reply from the group as "confirmation" -- but email replies from this group comes from ME and not the group -- so it is destined to fail.

I frankly don't know what to do. I/we (I am not the only moderator of this group) have only two alternatives:

1) Continue as-is and let this stuff happen

2) Ban (restrict from posting) any member that has such an active-confirmation spam-blocker in place, on the grounds that it annoys everyone else in the group.

Please send me e-mail (BMHA-Webmaster@... is my preferred address, although it is not the one associated with this Yahoo! group) and I will take whatever action (or no action) that the group decides. I'll post the results after sufficient time (Figure April 1st, 2005) on the BMHA website.

Finally, I cannot communicate back to those responsible for the situation (their spam-blocker expects a response from this Yahoo! group, but replies come from my personal address and are just rejected). To this point I simply have ignored them, but the situation is getting out of hand.

If you have other ideas (outside of the ban/leave-as-is poll above), feel free to send them to me at the same address of BMHA-Webmaster@...

Now for my "editorial" -- I have found that the wonderful self-learning Baysian filter "K9" (http://www.keir.net) is a much better and almost-perfect spam filter. Mine is running 99.50% accurate, and this statistic is down from the usual rate. K9 is free, although Robin Keir (creator of K9) appreciates donations and I have personally chosen to send him somthing substantial (in excess of $100) for his work -- but this is MY choice and I mention it here only to indicate how much I value his choice. It is FAR BETTER than the misguided challenge/response mechanism which triggered this message string in the first place.

End of this topic.

Again,
- Skip AA6WK BMHA-Webmaster@...

- Skip AA6WK

815. Cloud 9

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 19:57:23 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 797 Message: 815

Peter, KF5ND,

I don't think this spam problem is originating in the
code used to serve this group. In the years I've been
a member of BMHA, your address is the first I've found
that responds in this manner. I think I speak for
many others when I say we would be honored to count
you among us. Please provide a means in which other
members can communicate with you.

I regret this member-wide message, but both of my
attempts to reach you directly have generated this
Cloud 9 response advising me that I must go to another
website and solve a riddle before my message can be
delivered.

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Scott, N7NET

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816. Re: [BMHA] My photo album

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 21:19:00 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 808 Message: 816

Hi Scott(N7NET) and the Group,

Scott wrote:

>it would be nice if you could write a story of
>how this project has evolved to its present
stage.

My first interest in putting amateur radios
and electronics on bicycles started when I got
interested in volunteer work in foot races and
walk-a-thons. They needed a bicycle to safely
ride with runners and report injuries to net control.

I also took part in search and rescue efforts. Most of the time
it involved a confused, elderly person who walked away
from a nursing home and was lost. Me in a couple
of years. Hi hi.

I found I could power lights, horn, radios and other
devices of differing voltages using *one* battery pack
and several DC to DC switching voltage regulators, set to
output different voltages, rather than use separate batteries for
each device.

I was delighted to find inexpensive switching regulators circuits
inside Radio Shack cigarette adapters. Some had fixed outputs
and some were selectable in 3V, 4.5V, 9V and 12V steps.

>Do you ever turn heads with the air horn?

I found that riding a bicycle had its risks, so
I wanted to at least have some of the safety equipment
that a car has. After all, we both share the same road.
One problem with a dual, 139dB air horn on a bicycle is
that some cars hear my horn and look around for a car or truck,
not a bicycle. I need a different sound. In most states a siren on a
bike is illegal, so I am developing a bicycle horn based on a piezo
disc. It is much lighter and takes less energy than an air horn. It will
have a with a faster interval rate, around 20 Hz.

Cheers to the Group.

Tom
KE6YNH, 73

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

817. Re: [BMHA] My photo album

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 23:20:51 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 808 Message: 817

Hi Tom,

Your explanations are very interesting.

This whole bicycle mobile subject is a of of
fabrication, to one degree or another. You've really
perked my interest in the use of these switching
circuits to suit your needs.

I know you have other interests than being chained to
the keyboard when the sun is shining. Someday when
you have time on your hands maybe you'd be willing to
share some examples of your handy work.

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Scott, N7NET

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818. Re: [BMHA] Cloud 9

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-12 23:30:53 UTC
From: Ryan Mc Carthy
Topic: 797 Message: 818

Like others I got this cloud 9 message and thought something was up since I was a new member until I read the entire message. After I had the general idea of what the message was about, I must admit I have my qualms about following through with the instructions. At this day and age of SPAM and etc., I can't help but to be leery of such a message. I am not saying its SPAM, but it just doesn't sit well with me even if its legit.
73,
Ryan

Homepage: http:// www.qsl.net/kc2lks

Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Search presents - Jib Jab's 'Second Term'

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

819. 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 17:22:16 UTC
From: Ryan
Topic: 819 Message: 819

Hello All,

As I mentioned earlier I am looking into becoming a bicycle mobile (probably come spring). That being said, can anyone suggest an antenna for a dual band HT (2 M and 70 cm)???
Thanks for the assistance.
73,
Ryan

820. Re: [BMHA] 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 18:43:06 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 819 Message: 820

Hi Ryan and the Group,

Ryan wrote:

>Can anyone suggest an
>antenna for a dual band HT (2 M and 70 cm)???

I use A Diamond SG5700A for mobile use. It's a little
longer than most dual band 2M/70cm antennas, but has
gain. See it at http://www.rfparts.com/diamond/sg7500a.html

Good mobil'n.

Tom
KE6YNH, 73

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

821. Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 19:42:40 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 819 Message: 821

I use a Watson W-770 and a Diamond NR-770-R
The Diamond is the more expensive, but I find the Watson a better antenna.

I'm not sure if the Watson is available in the States but if it is
give it a try.
It's realtively cheap, light,and kicks really well. It's also black
from top to bottom which suits my bike well.

I've tried longer antennas and they don't seem as good. Maybe it's
radiation angle. My 7/8 (or 5/8 I forget it's been so long since I
bought it) 2M antenna is rubbish on the bike!

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

822. Re: [BMHA] Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 20:10:44 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 819 Message: 822

Darrin,

Thanks for sharing the website with us. I found
everything very interesting.

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Scott, N7NET

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Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Mail - 250MB free storage. Do more. Manage less.
http://info.mail.yahoo.com/mail_250

823. Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 20:39:44 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 819 Message: 823

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, scott laughlin <n7net@y...> wrote:
> Darrin,
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> Thanks for sharing the website with us. I found
> everything very interesting.
>

Thanks Scott. It's a couple of years out of date now.
I'm in the process of writing my new one which will be at
http://www.goqrp.co.uk
This will have all the same stuff, but info on other contests, my
mobile operation and of course my bicycle mobile operation as well as
QRP working.

The new site is 80% complete but I don't want to upload it until it's
all done.
I keep changing my mind on the look and content. At this rate it
should be finished and online by 2008 :)

At the moment the site just has pictures of my mobile station.

Watch this space for more info... But don't hold your breath :)

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

824. RE: [BMHA] 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 20:28:46 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 819 Message: 824

I use a simple ½ wave J-Pole (dual band) taped to a fiberglass bike flag pole on the back of my bike. It is cheap, and works really well. Being a ½ wave, it doesn☐t need a ground plane like the ¼ or 5/8 wave. I simply stick my HT in my handlebar bag, attached to either a speaker mike for mostly monitoring use, or to a headset if I plan on doing a lot of talking. I☐ve carried it on several week long trips (Bike Ride Across Georgia), and have been very pleased with the setup.

Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: Ryan [mailto:kc2lks@...]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2005 12:22 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Hello All,

As I mentioned earlier I am looking into becoming a bicycle mobile (probably come spring). That being said, can anyone suggest an antenna for a dual band HT (2 M and 70 cm)???
Thanks for the assistance.
73,
Ryan

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

825. Re: [BMHA] Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 21:58:29 UTC
From: John KE7AYV
Topic: 819 Message: 825

I have seen a "Jurrasic Duck" 2 meter ribbon j pole in
pvc pipe, 1/2 wave(no ground plane). Why not make it
dual band? I have not used this, but, from what I've
read it works reasonably well. Do a google search for
jurrasic duck.

John
KE7AYV
Sheridan, WY
--- Darren <gw7hoc@...> wrote:

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> I use a Watson W-770 and a Diamond NR-770-R
> The Diamond is the more expensive, but I find the
> Watson a better antenna.
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> Maybe it's
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> so long since I
> bought it) 2M antenna is rubbish on the bike!
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> GW7HOC MW5HOC
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> http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

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http://info.mail.yahoo.com/mail_250

826. RE: [BMHA] Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 22:31:52 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 819 Message: 826

That's what I use, too. It's the WX2NJ Jurassic Duck.
http://www.qsl.net/wx2nj/ Incidentally, Krylon makes a new paint called "Fusion" designed just for plastics. It actually has a solvent in it that allows it to actually bond with the plastic. Looks a lot better than just regular old paint which will chip off it!

Jack KE4LWT

-----Original Message-----
From: John KE7AYV [mailto:jbt_wy@...]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2005 3:58 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

I have seen a "Jurrasic Duck" 2 meter ribbon j pole in
pvc pipe, 1/2 wave(no ground plane). Why not make it
dual band? I have not used this, but, from what I've
read it works reasonably well. Do a google search for
jurrasic duck.

John
KE7AYV
Sheridan, WY

827. Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 22:35:58 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 819 Message: 827

I am using the Diamond NR-770HA. It is a dual band with the 2 meter portion being 1/2 wave. This antenna works very well on both bands and also serves to mount my flag on the top of the antenna. I ride a recumbent and the flag helps to be seen on those roads that are not shouldered. I can't remember the exact price, but seems around $45 USD. It removes easily with the standard UHF connector and one could connect a piece of coax to the antenna mount and connect to another remote antenna or dipole when stopped or camped.

Mike, NF0N

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Ryan" <kc2lks@y...> wrote:
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> Hello All,
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> As I mentioned earlier I am looking into becoming a bicycle
mobile
> (probably come spring). That being said, can anyone suggest an
> antenna for a dual band HT (2 M and 70 cm)???
> Thanks for the assistance.
> 73,
> Ryan

828. Re: [BMHA] 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-13 23:44:40 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 819 Message: 828

----- Original Message -----
From: "Ryan"
Subject: [BMHA] 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

> As I mentioned earlier I am looking into becoming a bicycle mobile
> (probably come spring). That being said, can anyone suggest an
> antenna for a dual band HT (2 M and 70 cm)???
> Thanks for the assistance.
> 73,
> Ryan

I use the Larson 2/70 antenna ... but you didn't say where or how you plan to mount the antenna. Are you going to attach it to your radio, or to your bike?

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"

829. Re: [BMHA] 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-14 06:11:08 UTC
From: Ms. Jamie C.
Topic: 819 Message: 829

> As I mentioned earlier I am looking into becoming a bicycle mobile
> (probably come spring). That being said, can anyone suggest an
> antenna for a dual band HT (2 M and 70 cm)???

Keep to low gain antennas unless you *really* need them. Something like the Comet SBB-1 is good; it's flexible like a "super ducky" but actually works. The flexibility is great so you don't have to worry about busting the antenna (or yourself) when you swing a leg over the bike.

The problem with a gain antenna is the radiation angle. You need to keep the antenna vertical, or else you are wasting power heating the ground behind you.

One person I met made a 2m dipole and used heat shrink tubing to attach it to his fiberglass flag whip.

830. Re: [BMHA] 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-14 19:35:48 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 819 Message: 830

Hi Ryan,

You might want to check page 31 of the March 2005 QST.
If you think it's too big (which it probably is) you
could check out the trailer displayed at:
http://www.bikerev.com/. Ian will sell you just the
frame, tongue, and wheels. You can build yourself a
portable station with packet and the who shebang, and
do some serious hamming when you're so inclined.

I talked to a fellow at Richardson Bike Mart
http://www.bikemart.com who built a boom box in one
and blasted his way across Oklahoma. Can you imagine?

The possibilities are endless...well, almost.

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Scott, N7NET

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http://mail.yahoo.com

831. Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-14 21:41:18 UTC
From: tiredofscreennames2002
Topic: 819 Message: 831

Last year at one of our local parks some young men had a Boom Box mounted to their Bike and had a speaker on a trailer. I don't really like Hip Hop but you have to give them a little credit.

832. Re: [BMHA] Re: 2 M/ 70cm antenna??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-15 12:15:59 UTC
From: Dan Griswold
Topic: 819 Message: 832

John KE7AYV <jbt_wy@...> writes:

> I have seen a "Jurrasic Duck" 2 meter ribbon j pole in pvc pipe, 1/2
> wave(no ground plane). Why not make it dual band?

I'm not sure if this has been said here, but the 2 meter J-pole does work on 70cm. That's because 70cm is the 3rd harmonic of 2m. Running a 2m jpole on 70 is not the most efficient, but it does work.

I found a QST article on the web that describes a true dual band j-pole (eliminating the problems of operating on the third harmonic). It can be built into a length of 3/4 inch PVC pipe.
http://www2.arrl.org/tis/info/pdf/0302038.pdf

Cheers,

Dan KC5GMR

833. considering bicycle mobile...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-19 17:24:27 UTC
From: John Pfeifer
Topic: 833 Message: 833

I'm thinking about trying bicycle mobicle up here in Alaska. Figure I won't be able to get away with QRP power levels so I'm thinking about a 100 watt transciever, possibly an FT857 or TS480.

I'm considering putting the rig, battery and a whip antenna in/on a BOB Ibex trailer.

I was wondering if anyone has any experience with these or other HF rigs in such a setup.

Anyone tow their /BM station behind them in a trailer?

tnx/73,
John Pfeifer - KL0WN

834. Re: [BMHA] considering bicycle mobile...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-19 18:59:29 UTC
From: VE3JC John Cumming
Topic: 833 Message: 834

Hi John,

I use a Bob Yak, and Russ KB8U uses one also with his recumbent. Russ mounts his hf mobile antenna from the Yak, with coax to the bike. I've mounted Solar Panels on mine, but I've always kept the rig and batteries and antenna on the main bike. (The Bob Yak is GREAT for hauling all the other stuff!)

My Elecraft K2, with internal batteries, is probably close in weight /size to the compact 100W rigs. My K2 is mounted right on my handlebars. You could consider mounting heavy batteries and the antenna on the Bob Trailer, and cabling to the bike. You might also want to consider a radio with the separate control panel (eg Icom 706) - you'd have to confirm the maximum length for the extention cable from radio to the control head, but I suspect you could get away with the control head on your handlebars, and the radio, batteries, antenna on the Bob trailer behind it.

Here are a couple of pix showing my trailer and Russ's:

http://www.geocities.com/ve3jc/fd2003.jpg

http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Lab/7378/to_fdim.htm

73, John VE3JC

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> tnx/73,
> John Pfeifer - KL0WN
>
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835. Re: [BMHA] considering bicycle mobile...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-20 17:54:06 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 833 Message: 835

Hi,

I don't have any experience with the rigs you
emntioned, but I do have some QRP experience. I have
was operating 27 miles north of the Mexico border a
couple of years back, and I have cards from Alaska and
Hawaii while using 9-watts SSB.

The key is not the power as much as it is getting your
SWRs down as low as they will go.

I used to work KB7LOC in South Beach, Oregon from the
same location using CW. He used one-watt, while I was
using 3. We didn't always make it, but we certainly
recall the times we did.

72,
Scott N7NET
Allen, Texas

=====
Scott, N7NET

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836. Re: considering bicycle mobile...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-23 06:56:55 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 833 Message: 836

While I originally set up my bike for the FT-817 mounted to the handlebars, I have since tried the IC-706 on the same platform. Then I used a 17 AH battery mounted on the rear bike rack. I also use a shortened 1/2-wave antenna 13 feet long. That makes a big difference. Instead of max current being below seat level, it is around 8 feet above the ground.

No photos yet of the 706, but here are some photos of the QRP setup:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/bikemobile.html

And here is the homebrew 1/2-wave high-power tuner that is also mounted on the rear rack:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/images/hipowertuner.jpg

A better design would defintely include the detachable head on the handlebars with the radio down low: perhaps on the bike rack or...

Jake
N0LX

837. Re: [BMHA] Re: considering bicycle mobile...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-02-23 15:17:27 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 833 Message: 837

Jake,

Outstanding! Your photos show a very sanitary
installation. Sanitation and functionality seldom
come together. At least the two seldom work for me,
hi.

72,
Scott n7net, Texas

=====
Scott, N7NET

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838. Re: considering bicycle mobile...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-03 02:08:27 UTC
From: John Pfeifer
Topic: 833 Message: 838

Thanks for the responses to my original post...

Jake, a follow-up to your message. I looked at your photos, nice setup! Just curious, is there some reason you went with two loading coils instead of just one?

I imagine that's a pretty light weight fishing pole you're using. Does it whip around much when you're peddling down the road?

Thanks,
John Pfeifer - KL0WN

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839. Re: considering bicycle mobile...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-03 05:51:47 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 833 Message: 839

>Just curious, is there some reason you went with two loading
coils instead of just one?

Hi John. The antenna is a shortened 1/2-wave, not a 1/4-wave. If you were to shorten an ordinary dipole, you would use a coil near the middle of each half-side. That is exactly what I have done, but I feed the dipole at the end instead of the middle. The benefit is maximum radiation (current) eight feet above the ground and in the clear! Also, the antenna is independent of ground and so does not depend on the bike frame as a counterpoise.

>I imagine that's a pretty lightweight fishing pole you're using.

Very light. I'm using all but the bottom section of a 16.5' Black Widow fishing pole.
I just pulled out the scale and weighed it:
6.5 ounces for the pole
4.0 ounces for the antenna with coils.

>Does it whip around much when you're peddling down the road?

Well, I'm sure it does to some extent. But the pole is pretty rigid, and I can't feel any difference with it on the bike. The 40-degree (+/-) back slope probably buffers more of the torque than if it were straight up. The slope is to keep it under the legal height limit.

73,
Jake
N0LX

840. Another New Guy

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-03 15:04:46 UTC
From: Don
Topic: 840 Message: 840

Hi My Name is Don and my Call is WB8ZOM. I Came on to this group by chance the other day looking at the Dayton Web page. I have been thinking of trying something like this for a while now. It is good to know their are others with the same idea. I am a bit out of shape midle aged guy who needs to get in better shape. I was into bicycle riding a few years ago but got lazy. Now perhaps I can ride and hame it up at the same time. For now I think I will go 2m/70cm with the possability of QRP HF latter on . Well hope to learn a lot and look foward to this gorup.

73
Don WB8ZOM

841. Re: [BMHA] Another New Guy

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-03 18:10:05 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 840 Message: 841

welcome Don.. this is a good group with lots of good experience. You will enjoy combining both hobbies and it is good for your health too.
Jim
wb4ofm

ps: my neighbor is wb8zGm.

Don <don1018@...> wrote:

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842. Re: [BMHA] Another New Guy

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-04 08:59:21 UTC
From: Dave Porterfield
Topic: 840 Message: 842

Hi, Don. I'm also a middle aged guy (age 79) who is more than a bit out of shape. Maybe I'm past middle age. This is the ideal year to ride GOBA because it starts in Findlay, the home of the Hancock Horizontal Hundred bicycle tour. I've ridden GOBA only once. That was a year when I was in better shape, so I rode from home to the start and back, a total of 1100 miles. I was bicycle mobile ham that year.

This year I'm cheating. I volunteered to be a SAG after I registered for the tour. In a way I'm sorry I did that, because I'd like to ride that flat ride. I picked GOBA because it's in a flat area this year. I stay away from it when it's in the hilly areas. Even though I live in a hilly area of Western Pennsylvania I'm not a good climber.

On my bike I use an HT with a half wave antenna mounted on the rear carrier. The antenna sways back and forth a lot but it reaches out without needing a ground plane.I found on GOBA that I could always reach the repeater. In my motor vehicle I use a Radio Shack 2 meter mobile unit with a magnetic mount 5/8 wave antenna. My license plate is my call. Look for my maroon GMC Safari on GOBA. I'll have my bike along for ice cream trips in the evenings.

73
Dave

On Thu, 2005-03-03 at 10:04, Don wrote:

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843. Re: [BMHA] Another New Guy

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-04 19:52:34 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 840 Message: 843

--- Dave Porterfield <n3vhj@...> wrote:
Dave,

Having you along on a ride would be great fun.

Scott, N7NET

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http://birthday.yahoo.com/netrospective/

844. Thanks for the wellcom

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-04 19:28:57 UTC
From: Don
Topic: 844 Message: 844

Thank you Jim and Dave for the Wellcome to the group. It's hard to think about riding today as we have a lot of snow on the ground here in Mi . At the moment I have a Treck modle 800 hibread mountin bike and it has not worked out good for me. Just not a comfortable ride. We are looking at getting something diffrent, with a more uprigt position. The xyl is thinking one of the comfort bikes and I am looking at the hibread style Treck. I think the narower wheel would preform better on longer rids. I am also trying to think of some way to modify a cell phone headset to work with my Kenwood HT. Not sure how to handle the PTT yet. Any way hope to be mobile soon .

73
Don WB8ZOM

845. (LISTEN LIVE ON LINE https://e-meetings.mci.com/)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-14 13:21:15 UTC
From: g3zhi@hotmail.com
Topic: 845 Message: 845

The next International Space Station's Expedition 10 ARISS school contact will be with students at St. Martins Luthern College in Mt. Gambier, South Australia on Thursday, 17 March 2005. The event is scheduled to begin at approximately 10:24 UTC.

This contact will be a telebridge between stations NA1SS and WH6PN in Honolulu, Hawai'i, so it should be audible to anyone in the areas of the Pacific near the islands listening in on the 145.80 MHz downlink. The participants will conduct the conversation in English.

"St. Martins Lutheran College has 340 students from Reception to Year 9. It is situated in Mt. Gambier in the lower south east of South Australia. St. Martins offers a Christian education to students and prides itself in excellence at all levels."

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See further notes below
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Students will ask as many of the following questions as time allows:

-Where do you sleep in the space station?
-What do you eat for meals in the space station?
-How long does it take you to go around the world?
-Have you met the first astronauts that went to the moon?
-Is it possible for a baby to be born in space? What would be the difficulties?
-Did previous space missions or science fiction inspire you to become an astronaut?
-What is it like to be a part of NASA's great plans?
-What do you do about cleaning your clothes in space?
-What are the things you had to study to become an astronaut?
-What do you do if you have a disagreement with another

astronaut?
-What can you see on earth from the space station?
-What is your favorite meal on the space station?
-Can you talk to your family from the space station?
-Can you see the planets from the space station?
-Can you light a fire in space?
-What do you do for recreation in space?
-What do you do to prepare for a trip in space?
-What is your greatest experience or memory of space?
-What do you do in the case of a blood nose in the space station?
-Is there an age limit to being an astronaut?

Please note, the amateur equipment on the ISS will be turned off prior to the beginning of the contact. It will be returned to service as quickly as possible.

ARISS is an international educational outreach program partnering the participating space agencies, NASA, Russian Space Agency, ESA, CNES, JAXA, and CSA, with the AMSAT and IARU organizations from participating countries. ARISS offers an opportunity for students to experience the excitement of Amateur Radio by talking directly with crewmembers on-board the International Space Station. Teachers, parents and communities see, first hand, how Amateur Radio and crewmembers on ISS can energize youngsters' interest in science, technology, and learning. Further information on the ARISS programme is available on the website http://www.rac.ca/ariss (graciously hosted by the Radio Amateurs of Canada). Information about the next scheduled ARISS contact can be found at http://www.rac.ca/ariss/upcoming.htm#NextContact.

IRLP Notes
Participation in this contact is limited to 20 connections and requires pre-registration.
Please contact Wayne, VE1WPH, via e-mail at ve1wph@... for pre-registration and connection instructions.

EchoLink Notes
The contact between the ISS and school lasts for about 15 minutes +/-. During this contact, we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. We must mute everyone except Dieter, KX4Y to avoid inadvertent, interfering transmissions into the conference room. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you & 73,
Scott H. Stevens / N3ASA
ARISS Team Member

846. 2005 BMHA Hamvention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-15 04:06:51 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 846 Message: 846

Hamvention 2005 -- BMHA Forum at Dayton

The 15th Annual BMHA (Bicycle Mobile Hams of America) forum will be held at the Dayton Hamvention on Sunday May 22nd. Mike Nickolaus, NFØN, will be forum moderator and speaker.

Our special Guest speakers will be:

Bill Carpenter, AA8EY and Mary Carpenter, N8OAM who were members of the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure, GOBA, staff for 7 years. Mary was SAG Coordinator and Bill was the Amateur Radio Coordinator for GOBA. They will talk about the role Amateur Radio plays in this large annual week long bicycle event. They will relate some experiences and generally describe their activities in working with many people and amateur radio operators during the 7 years they served the event. Mary has been an Assistant Section Manager for Ohio. Bill served as ARES Emergency Coordinator for Franklin County, Ohio and is currently an Assistant Section Manager for Central Ohio.

Room details and forum time will be posted on the BMHA website as they become available.

All who have an interest in bicycling and bicycle communication are welcome to attend.

Mike Nickolaus - NFØN BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

847. The Future of Amateur Radio Licensing The Facts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-22 23:10:37 UTC
From: g3zhi@hotmail.com
Topic: 847 Message: 847

The Future of Amateur Radio Licensing ? The Facts

During autumn of 2004 at about the same time as Ofcom published the consultation paper - The Radio Spectrum Framework Review, RSGB was led to believe that a further consultation paper concerning the future of amateur radio licensing would be published, probably early in 2005.
In preparation for that document the RSGB intimated to Ofcom representatives, on an unofficial basis, that the Society would be prepared to assume the responsibility for issuing licences and all the administration that would involve. RSGB was aware that Ofcom wished to substantially reduce its financial commitment to licence issuing, particularly the resources currently involved.
During February 2005 it become apparent that Ofcom had abandoned the idea of a consultative document and was preparing a ?proposal document? that would set out Ofcom?s intended preference and in which some reference would be made to low priority alternatives. This would pay lip service to consultation and instead would confirm Ofcoms proposals.
The Society began to realise that the intended preference was to tempt amateurs with a free licence for life and then after a few years completely de-regulate our hobby.
The free licence for life was going to be proposed in such a way that amateurs would think they were going to get a good deal and then once that had been accepted Ofcom would re-visit the licensing issue and then de-regulate. We must be on our guard as they have made the de-regulation statement both in the ?Spectrum Review? consultation document published in late 2004 and in the yet to be published ?Future of Amateur Radio Licensing? consultation document. It is vital that we stop any attempts to de-regulate the hobby, therefore we must oppose any movement towards a license for life.
De-regulation would disenfranchise all UK radio amateurs.
De-regulation would remove the need for examinations.
De-regulation would mean anyone operating on the amateur bands in the UK would not need a licence.
De-regulation would mean that ALL UK radio amateurs would be prevented from operating abroad under CEPT agreements.
De-regulation would mean any UK amateur moving abroad would be unable to participate in reciprocal licensing agreements.
De-regulation would mean the end of the repeater network.
De-regulation would mean the end of the packet network.
De-regulation would mean the end of Notices of Variations.
De-regulation would mean the end of band-plans in the UK.
The RSGB is not prepared to see the hobby of amateur radio in the UK destroyed.
The RSGB does not intend to be enticed by short-term promises of a free licence.
The RSGB will do all in its power to prevent de-regulation.
The RSGB has approached authority to highlight the dangers of de-regulation. As a

result of our initial approaches the Ofcom Board has thrown out the immediate publication of the supposed consultation document. They have referred back the document for re-evaluation.
The RSGB has over 80 years of amateur radio experience and we are prepared to challenge Ofcom arrogance.
We deplore ?preferred option? being issued under the guise of consultation.
We will now seek a document that is genuinely ?consultative?.
Please support your Society in this campaign.

73 Ian G3ZHI

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http://www.ukirlp.co.uk

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848. Re: [BMHA] The Future of Amateur Radio Licensing The Facts.....OFF TOPIC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-22 22:38:47 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 848 Message: 848

>De-regulation would remove the need for examinations.
>De-regulation would mean anyone operating on the amateur bands
>in the UK would not need a license.

Hi Ian(G3ZHI) and the Group

It sounds to me, Ian, that you are happy to be controlled and regulated.
Don't you think it is about time hams regulate themselves?

Now, onward to bicycle mobile topics.

Thank you.

Tom
KE6YNH, 73

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849. Re: [BMHA] The Future of Amateur Radio Licensing The Facts.....OFF TOPIC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-22 23:45:23 UTC
From: Terry Collins
Topic: 848 Message: 849

Tom wrote:

> It sounds to me, Ian, that you are happy to be controlled and regulated.
> Don't you think it is about time hams regulate themselves?

Just like Internet Users?

And if it is free reign, how long before Hams lose bands to commercial interests.

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Terry Collins {:-)}}} email: terryc at woa.com.au www: http://www.woa.com.au
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850. 2005 BMHA Hamvention Forum time and room

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-25 02:48:30 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 850 Message: 850

The BMHA Forum at the 2005 Dayton Hamvention will be Sunday, May 22nd at 8:30 am in Room 2. As in previous years, since we are the first forum of the day, we can meet informally at 8 am in the room.

Look at my previous post for the details of this years forum. If you are attending the Hamvention, we would like to invite any and all who are interested in bicycling and Ham Radio.

Mike, NF0N

851. rsgb video on ham radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-25 18:59:41 UTC
From: ian abel
Topic: 851 Message: 851

rsgb video on ham radio

http://www.essexamateurradio.org.uk/RSGBvideo2.wmv

73 ian g3zhi

http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi

852. Bicycle mobile set up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-26 04:06:53 UTC
From: Fred Wall, jr
Topic: 852 Message: 852

My wife and I are wanting to become bicycle mobile this summer. She wishes only to temporarily mount her HT. I want a light weight mobile that will run off of a 10 amp-hour battery. Also, in both cases, we would like hands free microphones. Havw you any suggestions?

Fred
NF8W
(xyl KC8UZI)

853. Re: Bicycle mobile set up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-26 07:43:15 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 852 Message: 853

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Fred Wall, jr" <nf8w@a...> wrote:
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My setup is described (mostly in photos as the text is toward another objective) in http://www.lafetra.com/skip/aa6wk/Articles/CQ-VHF/April-1998.htm
(watch that wrap for the URL!)

Other articles exist in the BMHA newsletter, which is available (and can be searched by topic) at our website http://www.LaFetra.com/BMHA

- Skip AA6WK

854. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle mobile set up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-27 14:32:38 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 852 Message: 854

Skip,

I couldn't bring up this addr.

Bill

----- Original Message -----
From: slafetra
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2005 1:43 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle mobile set up

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Fred Wall, jr" <nf8w@a...> wrote:
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855. RE: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle mobile set up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-27 15:13:30 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 852 Message: 855

You need to add the two lines together, add the "1998.html"
to the end of the address.

Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: Bill Sharp [mailto:tobsharp@...]
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2005 9:33 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle mobile set up

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856. ISS qso relayed live over echolink 1637gmt 29/3/2005

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-03-28 20:29:56 UTC
From: g3zhi@hotmail.com
Topic: 856 Message: 856

Hi all

The next two contacts between the International Space Station (ISS) and schools are as follows:

Tuesday, 3/29/2005 at 16:37UTC

Friday, 4/8/2005 at 18:12UTC

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73 de Dieter kx4y

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Thank you & 73,
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857. Reminder - MS150 Houston to Austin, Texas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-02 05:02:09 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 319 Message: 857

We would like to remind you of this upcoming event.

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858. VX-7R waterproof test :)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-06 21:12:02 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 858 Message: 858

I've just returned from my nightly 10 mile ride.
A mile into the ride the heavens opened. It was already very windy and the rain came down in buckets.
Being somewhat insane I decided to carry on with the ride, after all, you can only get so wet :)

I was out in the rain for about 45-50 minutes, talking on my local net linked repeater. Not once did the VX-7, which is mounted on the handle bar, complain.

On returning home, I checked the rig out. Took it out of it's carry case and it was wet but sound. No misting in the display, nothing.

It's been out in the rain many times, but never as hard as this or for as long.

10/10 to Yaesu for making such a great rig.

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

859. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 345

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-07 18:59:59 UTC
From: Alan
Topic: 859 Message: 859

Hi:
What kind of handle bar mount do you use and what kind if speaker/mic
do you use?
Thanks!
Alan
N3ALN

--- BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:
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> There is 1 message in this issue.
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> Topics in this digest:
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> 1. VX-7R waterproof test :)
> From: "Darren" <gw7hoc@...>
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> Message: 1
> Date: Wed, 06 Apr 2005 21:12:02 -0000
> From: "Darren" <gw7hoc@...>
> Subject: VX-7R waterproof test :)
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860. RE: [BMHA] Digest Number 345

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-07 19:11:56 UTC
From: Redding, Walt
Topic: 859 Message: 860

Darren, good to hear about the Yeasu faring well in the weather. I've been reluctant to use my vx-5r on my trike, but maybe it would be ok as well. I have been using a Radio Shack htx420, and I dealt it some major abuse the other day. It fell out of it's mount on a particularly bone jarring descent about 35 mph and was dragged by the external mic cord a good 50 yards or so before I realized what happened and could get stopped. Scuffed the paint up pretty bad and put a small crack in the edge of the display, but it's still working fine. I know they take some heat for a lot of their stuff, but this rig is hanging in there tough.
73 Walt KJ5ZF

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861. Re: VX-7R waterproof test :)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-08 06:48:54 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 858 Message: 861

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Alan <alan257@y...> wrote:
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> Hi:
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I have slightly bent the forks using long nose pliers to make the fitting tight enough to hold the rig. This holder is held onto the bar stem (the vertical bit) with a few small cable ties.

The button on the back of the rig that the belt clip clips to, fits this mic holder very nicely indeed.

For audio I use and Alan MA-35 headset (http://tinyurl.com/4de3d)
This has a PTT switch and a socket for an additional PTT switch.
I have a PTT switch mounted on the handlebar near the right hand brake lever.

A cable with a plug on each end runs from the PTT socket to the PTT switch.

The mic element has a foam wind deflector and this does a remarkable job.
People have commented how good the audio sounds. Many have said that if it wasn't for my heavy breathing, they wouldn't have known that I was on a bike :)
Received audio from the single speaker is also to a good quality.

I ALWAYS keep the rig in it's carry case, for two reasons.
1) It keeps the worst of the rain off, even though the rig is waterproof, it's better to make sure.

2) When the rig does (rarely) come seperated from the bike, the case protects the rig from scratches and softens the bump slightly :)
The rig has gone flying twice, both time quite violently, both times not a mark on it. I will add that these two occasions I went flying too :)

The rig has never fallen off just because of bumps etc. It's always due to me supidly coming off the bike. I'm getting too old to be falling off bicycles :)

The VX-5 isn't waterproof. It's certainly rugged enough to use on the bike, I used mine that way, but watch the rain. Use the carry case if you have one.

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862. Re: [BMHA] Re: VX-7R waterproof test :)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-08 21:49:53 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 858 Message: 862

Hi All,
I've been following this thread on using the VX-5 and / or VX-7 and wanted to put in my 2-cents worth. I have a VX-5 and have been using it for a few years now. My method is to drop it into one of the side pockets on my Cannondale handlebar bag. I use a Diamond RH 771 high gain antenna and poke the antenna up through the nylon shoulder strap buckle. It has never come out due to a fall, railroad crossing, pot hole, etc. I have worked our local repeater from about 32 miles (50 km) away. I use the standard Yaesu MH-34B4B speaker-mic and clip it to the edge of my map case or to my jacket collar. Only thing I can't easily do is QSY, since my radio is down in the bag pocket, but, when you live in the area of one repeater only, it doesn't matter. My next project is to fashion a "J-Pole" of twin-lead and a fibre-glass flag pole. That should help my signal considerably.

Harry Seyfert, WD9FYF
WD9FYF@...

----- Original Message -----
From: Darren
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Fri, Apr 08, 2005 01:48
Subject: [BMHA] Re: VX-7R waterproof test :)

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863. Re: Bicycle Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-09 23:00:53 UTC
From: Allan Howell
Topic: 863 Message: 863

Greetings...
For mounting my TH-F6 I took a length of reinforced tygon tubing 1 1/2" diameter and the length of the rig. Cut for the face and keypad on the front. Left enough on the bottom (1") to grip the front. The tubing is so stiff the rig does not move. I clip the belt clip over the top. Also use a beam clamp in the middle of the back to fasten to the handlebar on my Tour Easy. It works.

Tried taking an FT-817 on the bike but the vibration was just too much for that rig. Also the whips kept coming unscrewed. Back to the drawing board. Maybe more padding around the rig.

Always enjoy reading the posts on this group. Been lurking for quite a while. Best 73...Al

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864. RE: [BMHA] Digest Number 347

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-11 16:41:02 UTC
From: Redding, Walt
Topic: 864 Message: 864

That's what I did. I took a twin-lead j-pole and secured it to a fiber-glass rod by wrapping a roll of orange "safety" tape around the antenna and rod. Then used electrical tape and heat shrink tubing on the ends to keep it from unraveling. I then attached my safety flags to the rod for a dual purpose antenna/flag pole. It seems to work pretty good, and more importantly, I can be seen...
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865. Re: Digest Number 347

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-11 23:50:01 UTC
From: Don
Topic: 864 Message: 865

-Dosent riding with a long pole or flag make it difficult to handle the bike. I am still thinking of getting set up, was about ready to try something but my Ht is acting strange. It wants to change frequency on it's own . I am not sure why. Could be a battery problem. Any way I hope to have it going on my bike soon.
73 Don WB8ZOM-
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866. RE: [BMHA] Digest Number 347

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-12 02:27:15 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 864 Message: 866

Walt,

When you wrapped the j-match on the pole with tape did
it change the spacing on the twin-leed? If it did,
did the swr change?

It doesn't make any difference which side of the j you
feed. It works either way.

Scott, N7NET

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867. RE: [BMHA] Re: Digest Number 347

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-12 12:56:12 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 864 Message: 867

I□ve used a J-Pole made of TV twin lead taped to a fiberglass bike flag pole (minus the flag) for years. It works really well. The ½ wave J-Pole puts out a wonderful signal on two meters (and doesn□t need a ground plane, so it□s great for a bike). The flag pole is only about a quarter of an inch in diameter, and it□s made for mounting on a bike. It will sway somewhat, especially if you□re humping up a hill, but it won□t affect your balance at all.

Sam KD4SHK

-----Original Message-----
From: Don [mailto:don1018@...]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2005 7:50 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Digest Number 347

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868. Hello from Ft.Worth

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-12 11:00:36 UTC
From: jman
Topic: 868 Message: 868

Hello fellow bike hams from Ft. Worth.
It's a small world and ham radio helps operators from around the country get to know each other like no other method I know of. A funny thing happened the other day. I ran across another guy in a bike reflector who was also involved with recumbent bikes. Turns out he too lived in the Ft. Worth area and we started comparing notes about where to ride. I was "picking his brain" because he was a veteran of the great Trinity Trails riding paths that are rapidly becoming famous for their quality trails and beautiful surrounding scenery. After a handful of emails, it turns out that we shared a lot more in common than recumbent bikes, Walt turns out to also be a fellow ham operator KJ5ZF! Long story short, Walt told me about this group so I jumped right in and already have picked up some great riding tips. My first project is going to be the mobile "whip" j-pole from info I have gotten from y'all. Glad to be aboard.
73 de KM5CW Joe

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869. APRS Pocket Tracker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-12 21:16:33 UTC
From: Rick
Topic: 869 Message: 869

Has anyone used the Byonics Pocket Tracker while Bicycle Mobile? It looks good....and LIGHT....or what other suggestions do you have for APRS Bicycle Mobile?

73 de N9GSU Rick

870. Re: [BMHA] APRS Pocket Tracker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-12 22:32:19 UTC
From: jman
Topic: 869 Message: 870

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when I had the cash. I say go for it.
Joe KM5CW

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871. Re: [BMHA] APRS Pocket Tracker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-12 22:58:25 UTC
From: Rick Funderburg
Topic: 869 Message: 871

jman wrote:

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Actually, the pocket tracker is designed to be used without a seperate
radio. It has its own transmitter built in. I have not used the
device, but it runs on batteries, and you would be hard pressed to find
something more portable. One concern is transmision range. It is low
power, but their website claims that it makes better use of the wattage
than a typical radio because it is not tailored to voice frequencies.

http://www.byonics.com/pockettracker/

I have not used the tracker, but it seems to be interesting, and I am on
the fence whether or not to just buy a kit to play around with.

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Rick (not the original poster)
KC9GPA

872. Re: [BMHA] APRS Pocket Tracker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-12 23:21:24 UTC
From: jman
Topic: 869 Message: 872

Rick Funderburg wrote:

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> >Joe KM5CW
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Thanks for correcting me on that, that's even better if you have the spare
cash for it.
Joe KM5CW

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873. Re: [BMHA] Hello from Ft.Worth

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-12 23:27:29 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 868 Message: 873

Joe,

Where you been?

Best,

Bill
w8hi
Arlington.
----- Original Message -----
From: jman
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 6:00 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Hello from Ft.Worth

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-13 21:41:33 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 874 Message: 874

Yeah, really low power! I can't believe it gets very far (of course you may have lots of nearby digis). I use a Yaesu VX-2r now with a TinyTrack 3 and it isn't too bad. I can get 3w out of the VX-2r with external power, and use a half-wave Larsen whip with it. But when I ride into the stix (frequently) even my D-7 doesn't work.

Try a TT3 with your current HT - that kit is a no-brainer, IMHO. You probably take an HT on the ride anyway, right? The Pocket tracker is intended for non-hams to carry, in something liek a closed-circuit event.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

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> Message: 2
> Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2005 17:32:19 -0500
> From: jman <jman7659@...>
> Subject: Re: APRS Pocket Tracker
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> Rick wrote:
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> >
> > Has anyone used the Byonics Pocket Tracker while
> Bicycle Mobile? It
> > looks good....and LIGHT....or what other
> suggestions do you have for
> > APRS Bicycle Mobile?
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> Message: 3
> Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2005 17:58:25 -0500
> From: Rick Funderburg <rick-pub@...>
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> Rick (not the original poster)
> KC9GPA
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> Message: 4
> Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2005 18:21:24 -0500
> From: jman <jman7659@...>
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875. VHF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-04-24 03:27:54 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 875 Message: 875

While I reconfigure my HF setup, I thought I would try 2 meters for a while. I made up a colinear J-Pole, and strapped the HT to the handlebars. I have used it the past couple days riding to work. It sure makes the miles go quickly.

That 8-foot antenna really works. I am a big fan of using as big an antenna as I can. I had to keep the total height to 9.5 feet, because there is a pedestrian bridge on the bike trail that has a 10-foot ceiling.

Here's a page I put together with a few pictures of the setup:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/vhfbike.html

Here is where I found the info on the colinear antenna:
http://home.comcast.net/~buck0/llccoolj.html

73,
Jake
N0LX

876. Re: VHF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-05 23:52:02 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 875 Message: 876

I took a bike ride yesterday and gave the 2-meter colinear J-Pole a good workout. The farthest contact was around 55 miles on simplex, but I was pedaling up Lookout Mountain west of Denver with a clear view to the North, East and South. Nice 15-mile ride and several contacts.

The only problem I have is with the ear bud/dangling microphone setup I am using. When I encounter much wind, it drowns out my voice. Maybe I'll try wrapping some foam around the mike.

Jake
N0LX

877. Re: VHF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-06 01:01:41 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 875 Message: 877

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jake" <n0lx@a...> wrote:
> The only problem I have is with the ear bud/dangling microphone setup I
> am using. When I encounter much wind, it drowns out my voice. Maybe
> I'll try wrapping some foam around the mike.

With a headset, I put some black "electrical" tape over the vent holes
in the boom microphone.

With my in-the-ear microphone, I turn my head slightly (the ear with
the earpiece pointing slightly forward).

Both techniques have worked well for me.

- Skip AA6WK

878. Re: VHF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-06 09:45:25 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 875 Message: 878

I use a single ear headset with a foam windshield over the mic.

http://www.maplin.co.uk/Free_UK_Delivery/Alan_456_Headset_29241.htm

I get superb audio reports, and wind noise is rarely noticable, and it
gets pretty windy here in South wales :)
This headset also has a socket for a PTT switch. This switch is
mounted on the handlebar and allow easy hands free operation.

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

879. Re: VHF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-07 15:27:25 UTC
From: John KE7AYV
Topic: 875 Message: 879

What about one of the throat mic setups that I've seen
available on ebay? If they work as planned then wind
noise would be eliminated.

John
KE7AYV
Sheridan, WY

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> Message: 1
> Date: Thu, 05 May 2005 23:52:02 -0000
> From: "Jake" <n0lx@...>
> Subject: Re: VHF Bicycle Mobile
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880. Re: VHF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-08 04:22:15 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 875 Message: 880

Thanks, all, for the suggestions. I will look into the throat and ear mics.

For now, I need something with a 2.5mm stereo plug that will fit the adapter box I made. Today I found a behind-the-neck headset made for cell phones. It has a boom mic with foam and claims noise-cancelling features. It will do triple duty for the bike, cell phone and chordless at home.

Jake
N0LX

881. Re: VHF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-08 16:39:23 UTC
From: kd5fdw
Topic: 875 Message: 881

Jake (N0LX) said: For now, I need something with a 2.5mm stereo plug that will fit the adapter box I made. Today I found a behind-the-neck headset made for cell phones.

Now Dave (nd4su) wonders: How can I get a setup like that to work with my Yaesu FT-50s? I have a ear/boom setup with a remote PTT, but the Yaesu ft-50 has a unique 4(?)-contact speaker/mic jack in it.

I'd like the flexibility of using one of the many, many models available with a standard 2.5 mm plug. What do I have to do to get there? Adapter box? Anyone have experience there?

Thanks

Dave
nd4su
Woodbridge VA

882. Re: VHF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-09 21:05:23 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 875 Message: 882

Dave,
My Standard HT has two mono plugs. One is for the headset and one for the mic. Perhaps those are the four connections on your radio as well.

I discovered that the PTT switch simply needs to connect a break in the microphone wire and the radio is automatically in TX mode. I also found that the tip of a cellphone plug is the mic, the center ring is the earphone and the base is common.

One thing I would suggest: If you make an adapter box, you might want to use a standard 1/8-inch stereo jack instead of the 3/32" (2.5mm), then use an adapter to bring the headset up to 1/8-inch. I found the smaller jack to not have very tight connections, and I have to fiddle with the plug to get audio sometimes. This was with the RS model 274-245 submini phone jack.

So my adapter consists of a small plastic box with the headset jack, a shielded wire out for the momentary-on PTT switch on the handlebars, and two shielded cables going to the radio.

Jake
N0LX

883. Contest on the Tonight Show 5/13

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-13 19:45:30 UTC
From: Marcie Mathis Stilwell
Topic: 883 Message: 883

Hi,
I thought this sounded interesting...

Friday May 13th, the Tonight Show will feature a message sending/receiving contest between a cell phone text messaging team and a morse code team. The morse code team will consist of Chip Margelli, K7JA and Ken Miller, K6CTW. Chip and Ken do a lot of contests and DXpeditions. Joe Drago, props manager for the show, is KF6OCP.

73, Marcie, KC7DAT

884. BMHA Dayton Hamvention Reminder

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-15 02:36:33 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 884 Message: 884

Just a reminder of the BMHA Hamvention forum Sunday, May 22nd 8:30-10 AM in Room 2. Bill, AA8EY and Mary, N8OAM, Carpenter are our featured speakers and will present the communications and logistics the Hams provide for GOBA. Anthony, AB0XP will have a power point slide show of his Easy Racer recumbent HF setup. Stephen, KC9EKU will have his Greenspeed trike on display and will be available for Q and A on how he has it setup for VHF.

Hope to see many of you there, we have an excellent group of excellent speakers this year.

73-Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer
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885. Drilling NMO hole in aluminum stock

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-15 03:15:41 UTC
From: adamk_ia
Topic: 885 Message: 885

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thanks much.

--adam, ak0p
Coralville, IA

886. Re: Drilling NMO hole in aluminum stock

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-15 05:32:59 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 885 Message: 886

I have been using something called a step drill that looks like this.
http://www.goodmart.com/products/85433.htm

I use it for cutting holes in mint-tin project boxes, too. I think I
paid $23 at the local hardware store.

Jake
N0LX

887. RE: [BMHA] Drilling NMO hole in aluminum stock

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-15 13:51:15 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 885 Message: 887

If school wasn't out in most of the country, I'd tell you to go to your local Vo-Tech high school and ask them to do it for you. Other than that, get a Uni-Bit. It's a stepped drill bit. Comes in handy for lots of projects.

Jack KE4LWT
-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of adamk_ia
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2005 10:16 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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888. Re: Drilling NMO hole in aluminum stock

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-15 15:13:36 UTC
From: adamk_ia
Topic: 885 Message: 888

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--adam

889. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 359

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-16 20:51:38 UTC
From: Jim Hedrick AB8PV
Topic: 889 Message: 889

I broke down and bought myself a 3/4 hole saw with a mandral from home-cheapo. It's overkill if you only need to drill an occasional hole but I consider any project has a requirement to buy at least one new tool!

BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote: There are 2 messages in this issue.

Topics in this digest:

1. RE: Drilling NMO hole in aluminum stock
From: "Jack Smith"
2. Re: Drilling NMO hole in aluminum stock
From: "adamk_ia"

Message: 1
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890. Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-25 15:53:10 UTC
From: jim h
Topic: 890 Message: 890

Greetings all,
I am batting an idea around in my head and thought I would throw it out for comments.
Right now, my radio is in my pack with the ptt and headset wired to a bracket on the bike. Then my headset and ptt connect to the bracket as if the bracket were the radio. It works great but, when I get off and on the bike I have to un-plug and plug back in. Also, it would be really cool to still be able to hear the radio when I am away from the bike, even if I am away from the ptt switch.
The idea I am thinking of is, can bluetooth technology be adapted somehow to allow me use a bluetooth headset and remote receiver on the radio?
Has anyone tried this? Any other ideas?
Thanks,
Jim

891. Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-25 17:44:40 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 890 Message: 891

Jim I've tried to use one of those bluetooth things that hang in /on/over your ear (a bit like Uhura in Star Trek) for my phone... It was useless. Too much wind noise even at low speeds, and difficult to hear the other end. I gave up after trying many combinations of position and wind protection and now I stop the bike when the phone rings :)

As for the radio, you'd not only need some way of getting the audio from the rig to the bluetooth thingy (excuse the technical terminolgy) but you would also have to sort out the PTT as VOX would be useless. I suppose that the PTT line could stay on the bar.

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There are many downsides to this, the 446 rig being permanently in TX as VOX and bike mobile don't mix very well.

This would be a lot of faffing around and cabling just to do away with the wires from the headset to the bike :)

It would be a nice project though.

Darren
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892. Re: [BMHA] Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-25 17:54:15 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 890 Message: 892

Hi Darren,
yes, this is definately a side project. I have used an ht in my bag before that could do the cross band repeat thing before, and talk through it with a uhf on my person and that works pretty well, but still, you are using 2 rigs to do that with.
I just rode our local diabetes ride this past weekend. My setup did really well, I was well pleased. But at each rest stop, there was all the un-plugging to do.
This is just one of those things that is flying around in my brain wondering what is possible. What I know about bluetooth is how to pronounce it, after that, I'm lost.
Jim

Darren <gw7hoc@...> wrote:
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893. Re: [BMHA] Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-25 18:29:03 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 890 Message: 893

----- Original Message -----
From: "jim h"
Subject: [BMHA] Wireless Headset
(snip)
> The idea I am thinking of is, can bluetooth technology be adapted
> somehow to allow me use a bluetooth headset and remote receiver on the
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Admittedly, a handlebar PTT switch is safer, but how much safer is debatable. When I run Bike Mobile I mount the rig on my belt, and use a latching PTT somewhere on my person. The only thing that I would have to plug and un-plug would be the antenna (mounted on the rear rack) Since you use an antenna on the rig (I assume) then you wouldn't have to unplug anything.

To operate my rig, I take one hand off the handlebar and squeeze the switch, then I am free to move the hand back to the handlebar for the length of my transmission until it is safe to switch off. I suppose it depends on how much 'traffic' you have to deal with .. both on the road and on the air.

Richard Amirault N1JDU
Boston, MA, USA Go Fly A Kite

894. Re: [BMHA] Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-26 02:13:31 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 890 Message: 894

On a similar note -

I wasn't thrilled with the result after cramming my Heil Traveler into my helmet, so I bought one of those "ear-mic" things from eBay that pick up sound via bone conduction to the ear canal. I bought the Yaesu version (so I can also use it with my HT) and found the mating jack but haven't got around to wiring it up to the FT-817 yet. Just wonder if anyone has tried this type of ear-mic and if so, how it worked?

73, Bob W9RAN

895. Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-26 03:00:00 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 890 Message: 895

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Robert Nickels <w9ran@o...> wrote:
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> anyone has tried this type of ear-mic and if so, how it worked?
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Mine works fine (an old 15-year-old model called "EarTalk".
Unfortunately, it is not bone conduction (as near as I can tell) but
a sensitive microphone in the ear canal (I do believe that the sound
comes through the head rather than through the circuituous air
channel).

Picks up lots of wind noise, but it is easily tuned out by turning
your head (in my case, about 5-10 degrees away from the ear (e.g.,
the ear with the mike is leading). I love mine and would not go
back to the headset I used before.

Sounds a bit "hollow" (think speakerphone) however.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

896. Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-26 16:16:39 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 890 Message: 896

I remember years back when I was on 11M there was a wireless mic that
used 49Mhz to transmit to the radio. It even did the PTT. As the
receiver picked up the signal it put the CB rig into transmit.
If it could be done 20 years ago then it should be easy today :)

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897. Re: [BMHA] Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-26 16:26:04 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 890 Message: 897

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Topic: 898 Message: 898

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Date: 2005-05-26 18:17:49 UTC
From: Zeb Palmer - KD7EVS
Topic: 898 Message: 903

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Topic: 898 Message: 904

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Sam KD4SHK

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Arnie Grubbs
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2005 12:24 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Wireless Headset-suggestion

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Something like these transmitters -

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905. RE: [BMHA] Wireless Headset-suggestion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-26 18:55:31 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 898 Message: 905

sam.. I have done that a couple times at some places where our club was helping with comms at an event and it works well actually. I may work my way that direction also in the future. But this other stuff just popped in my head.
The only drawback with xbanding, and it isn't much of one, is you have to wait for the repeater to drop to xmit again; not a big deal. Also, Im pretty spoiled on my bar mounted ptt. As clumbsy as I am, I like my hands on the bars.
I did find this a few minutes ago, http://www.dongletooth.com/ might be getting closer.

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906. Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-26 22:00:20 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 890 Message: 906

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Ms. Jamie C." <msjamie@g...> wrote:

> Except it isn't legal (97.113e). That would be retransmitting from
> the Citizen's Radio Service, which isn't allowed.

The frequency doesn't matter, it's the theory that I was suggesting.
Here in the UK there might even be problems with bluetooth being
re-transmitted. I'd have to check the rules.

We could always use a very low powered ham band TXCVR for the link.
Certain bands allow for "remote control", one of these would be ideal.

It could be done, but as there would be little market for it I doubt
if anyone would make one commercially.

We know it can be done, it's just making it practical.

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907. Re: [BMHA] Wireless Headset-suggestion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-27 02:34:56 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 898 Message: 907

Jim H wrote:

> Zeb,
> That is what got me to going on this too, the bluetooth technology
> wireless cell phone stuff.
> What I can't seem to find though is the piece that would go at the
> radio (phone). I see the headsets but most are designed to use with
> phones that already have the BT technology built in. Surely there is
> an adapter to make the headset work with older phones.

The Jabra FreeSpeak Bluetooth headset w/ 2.5mm adapter is one such:
http://reviews.cnet.com/4505-6448_7-20781380.html?tag=also
Kinda price at $115 but that includes both the Bluetooth headset and the adapter. You'd have to wire the 2.5mm plug over to the radio but that ought to be do-able.

Let us know if anyone tries it!

73 Bob W9RAN

908. Re: [BMHA] Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-27 11:50:59 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 890 Message: 908

I emailed one manufacturer of this sort of stuff describing what I was looking for and explained that I thought there might be a market for it in the ham community. The answer I got back was short and sweet; We don't and won't make this sort of product.. but they thanked me for my interest...
Maybe I am weird, but I think you will probably see the day when this technology will even be built into ham equipment the same as it is now built into cell phones. I found online where Motorola is already building it into their commercial equipment.

Darren <gw7hoc@...> wrote:
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909. Wireless headset - X-band repeater

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-27 18:18:19 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 909 Message: 909

Hi Sam,

I thought about doing the X-band repeater too. This would
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Ride on! - 73 KA0NCR - Arnie

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910. Re: [BMHA] Wireless headset - X-band repeater

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-27 18:26:13 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 909 Message: 910

A quick note on batteries since it was mentioned. I am experimenting right now with a 12v pack I made out of AA cell nimh's I found at wallyworld for around 6$ for a 4 pack. They are Digital Concept brand and are 2200mah.. I have 10 in a case that came out of an old tempo vhf HT from many years ago. You can also buy a case that holds 10 in serial configuration. The weight is not much, just however much 10 AA cells weighs.
So far its working well. I ran it at the Tour de Cure and it held up nicely running both days on my Standard c168A on high power.

Arnie Grubbs <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
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911. Re: [BMHA] Wireless headset - X-band repeater

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-27 22:47:23 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 909 Message: 911

Bluetooth is a power hog, but it's designed to provide wide bandwidth for aps like audio and video while running off of a host devices power source (cell phone, pda, etc). Zigbee (802.15.4) devices are starting to appear but it's aimed at simple sensor and low bandwidth uses. I think we'll find lots of them in ham radio, but replacing the Bluetooth handset profile is probably not going to be one of them. If you'd like to learn more: http://www.palowireless.com/infotooth/tutorial/k6_hp.asp

Bluetooth adapters like the Jabra multi-adapter for non-Bluetooth phones or the Motorola DC600 are powered from the cell phone connector, and pick up audio from the 2.5mm plug. For radio use, we'd have to provide Audio In, Audio Out, and Power. It also acts as a charging station for the Bluetooth headset which is rated for 100 hours standby, 3 hours talk time. For about $35, I'm tempted to try it, since I'd like a Bluetooth headset for use with my Blackberry anyway.

But what we really need is for the next-gen FT-817 to have Bluetooth built-in. Yaesu, are you listening?

73, Bob W9RAN

912. Re: Wireless headset - X-band repeater

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-27 23:18:42 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 909 Message: 912

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Robert Nickels <w9ran@o...> wrote:

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Do they ever?

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913. Re: [BMHA] Wireless headset - X-band repeater

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-28 04:01:05 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 909 Message: 913

I emailed a manufacturer about looking into the ham radio market for blue tooth apps, they didn't want any of it. I got an answer back that said, we don't and won't have any projects like that. I think very soon most ham stuff will start being made bluetooth ready, just like the phones. The 30' range is plenty for most in shack operations. Now if they will look into incorporating ptt as well as vox.. hmmm
Maybe I will email kenwood next.. wait, Im a TN boy, I better start with Ten-Tec..

Jim

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914. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 363

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-28 16:13:53 UTC
From: Guy Mallery
Topic: 914 Message: 914

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Howdy,

These S-band distances seem pretty optimistic. My bluetooth GPS
won't work with the receiver in a jersey back pocket (and the Palm on
the handlebars.) Perhaps the bluetooth wireless headset could be combined with
a GPS receiver to mount on top of a helmet...(!) <grin>

73,
Guy - W6MSU

915. Re: Digest Number 363

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-28 22:03:21 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 914 Message: 915

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I use bluetooth in my motorhome for both GPS and e-mail/net access.

Most of the time when surfing the net, the phone is one end of the van
the the Palm T5 the other about 20 feet away. No problems at all.

The range on the bluteooth GPS is even better, well boyond the 10M
specified. The palm T5 seems to have great bluetooth range. My Palm
TT and my M500 were good (with a BT SD card) but not as good as the T5.

Bluetooth doesn't do obastacles very well though. If anything gets in
the way then distance fall quite sharply.

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916. Bicycle Mobile fun

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-30 02:52:08 UTC
From: ajspurr@cfu.net
Topic: 916 Message: 916

I had a wonderful time going HF bicycle mobile last evening with my Icom 703+ in northeast Iowa. I only started going bicycle mobile about 4 weeks ago and don't get out as much as I'd like because of work, kids, etc., but I've had a great time since starting.

I called CQ on 14.285 and, to my amazement, had a response. That's the first time someone has answered a CQ of mine when at 5 watts. I usually have to join a net or wait until a conversation is done to make a contact with someone since my signal is usually so weak it doesn't attract attention. During my 75 minute ride I talked with guys in Colorado, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Texas and, most excitingly, Bolivia! That's my first DX contact while bicycle mobile. I had a hard time copying him, but copied him well enough.

The only bad thing about being bicycle mobile is not being able to easily log contacts. I've thought about getting a small recorder that I can clip to my belt and grab quickly to record contact info, but haven't really worked that out. It's not a huge deal to me. I mostly just want to have fun while hamming and logging seems secondary. But it would be nice. Any suggestions from anyone?

I was out of ham radio for about 10 years, and just got back into it about 4 months ago. I'm using a 20m Hamstick antenna mounted on my bicycle bag frame, and a Heil Traveler headseat with the PTT switch on the handlebars. My battery is homemade from 9 old NiCd's that weren't being used. The most challenging thing was figuring out how to mount the 703 remote head on the handlebars that was sturdy, but finally came upon using rubber-lined conduit guides.

I don't have any photos taken yet, but I've had several requests. When I take some I'll be sure to post them. There's nothing really fancy about my setup. I get lots of funny looks while biking, but that's part of the fun.

Aaron
N0MLZ

917. 2+6M antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-30 22:22:35 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 917 Message: 917

I've just built myself a 5/8 2M antenna that is also a tuned 1/4 for 6M.

My normal bike antenna is a Watson W-770HB, this is a 1/2 wave on 2.
I would have expected the 5/8 to be better than the 1/2 wave, but it's
not, not by a big stick.

With my bike on its stand and the VX7 tuned to the local repeater, I
get full scale on the Watson but only about S7 on the new antenna.

Can anyone tell me why?
Is it just radiation angle or something else?

It's a real shame as we have a great 6M repeater not too far from here
and I'd like to be able to use it when out on my nightly ride.
If the new antenna is not as good as the old one on 2M, then it's not
worth using it. I never use 70CM, but 2m is always used.

Any ideas why a 1/2 wave is better than a 5/8 wave?

I'm just pleased that I never spent time finishing off the cosmetics
of the new antenna before I tested it :)

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918. RE: [BMHA] 2+6M antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-30 23:44:08 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 917 Message: 918

The 5/8 wave antenna requires a ground plane, something
difficult to achieve on a bike. The 1/2 wave does not
require one, so it is usually more efficient in situations
where there is no ground plane.

Sam KD4SHK

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On
Behalf Of Darren
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2005 6:23 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] 2+6M antenna

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919. Re: [BMHA] 2+6M antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-05-31 20:02:07 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 917 Message: 919

Darren,

A 1/2 wave antenna by its very nature is a ground independent antenna. 5/8 wave antennas require a ground plane. There is simply not enough horizontal metal mass on a bike to satisfy the ground plane requirement. This is also the reason that almost all marine VHF marine antennas are 1/2 wave or built upon 1/2 stub design as most boats are fiberglass or wood. I use a squatty body marine antenna on my bike. It works very well and has the advantage of being designed for harsh environments. Go to the files section in the BMHA yahoogroup and you can see pictures of my installation plus many other members bikes.

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"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those of us who are doing
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920. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile fun

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-01 14:04:10 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 916 Message: 920

A small pocket-size tape recorder works nice for
mobile contacts--car and bike. Later they can be
moved into the official log.

Scott, N7NET

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921. my bicycle mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-06 12:14:26 UTC
From: ajspurr@cfu.net
Topic: 921 Message: 921

A few people have asked to see photos of my bicycle mobile setup, so
I finally got around to getting that done. It's nothing fancy, but
seems to work well. Here it is, with brief explanations.

http://spurr.pls.uni.edu/n0mlz/bicycle.html

Aaron
N0MLZ

922. Hamvention photos posted

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-08 01:45:53 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 922 Message: 922

John VE3JC provided some nice photos of the BMHA forum at this year's Hamvention.

They are posted on the BMHA website at http://www.lafetra.com/bmha/Timely/Dayton2005/Dayton2005.htm

923. Bicycle Mobile sites

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-08 19:39:33 UTC
From: Ryan
Topic: 923 Message: 923

Hello Everyone,

Does anyone know of any web sites that are bicycle mobile related
and show pictures of the various setups other amatuers have?
Thanks for the help.
73,
Ryan

924. Re: my bicycle mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-10 17:34:20 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 921 Message: 924

Your rack looks familiar - are you using an Axiom rear rack? It looks like you mounted a mirror mount on one of the rack's rear tubes.
I'm using one on an Axiom Odysee rack, but mounted on the horizontal rear tube - had to use several wraps of rubber (old inner tube) as a shim and the mounting is not as study as I'd like it to be.

73 Steve KS1G

925. New Zealand from the bike!! N0LX/bm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-11 05:13:47 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 925 Message: 925

Forgive the double posting to HFpack, but had to share my bicycle mobile story from this evening.

This evening I was testing out the bike mobile setup in preparation for the HFpack gathering at the Monument, Colorado hamfest. Said hello to Bonnie, KQ6XA on 20m, then QSY'ed down the band.

Had a nice hour-long roundtable (14.250MHz) going with stations in Michigan, 3 Californians, Washington and British Columbia. I eventually signed with all of them because it was dark and my wife thought I was only going around the block and was probably getting concerned.

Then I heard XE2FL calling me from Mexico. . . ok, my wife can wait a bit longer. . . . I was talking to Fernando when he reported that another station was trying to call me. It was ZL1AIX, Warren, in Aukland, New Zealand!! Now we had a 3-way going from Colorado, Mexico and NZ. He apologized for breaking in, but said he had to tell me I was an S-3 signal from my bicycle! What an evening to be on the radio!

I had my digital recorder with me and was able to get the audio with the XE2 and ZL1. I stuffed the recorder under the Heil headset. I was running 20 watts to a 13' short halfwave vertical.

My only regret was not being at 5 watts QRP for the New Zealand contact.

Jake
N0LX

926. More wireless headset ponderings..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-12 01:00:21 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 926 Message: 926

Hello people!

A short time ago several people on this list were discussing some
means of making up a wireless headset for use on the bike while in motion.
Some blue tooth devices were talked about...

So, while looking around the net I did find a few items for
wireless data coms on a website for experimenters/developers.

I thought that I would pass this along if anyone was interested in
playing around with making up a small controler to send the digitized
audio via blue tooth modules.

http://www.sparkfun.com/shop/index.php?shop=1&cart=290736&cat=62&

Arnie - KA0NCR

P.S.. kind of an interesting name for the website.. hope that it
don't apply to any projects a person might build! :)

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927. Re: [BMHA] More wireless headset ponderings..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-12 12:39:26 UTC
From: Joe Martin
Topic: 926 Message: 927

Hey Arnie, great site thanks. I found the Multimeter a great deal that I just have to add to my go box in the truck.
http://www.sparkfun.com/shop/index.php?shop=1&cart=291043&cat=1&itemid=202&

Joe

Arnie Grubbs wrote:

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http://km5cw.org
Webmaster Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

928. Audio from bike mobile contact to New Zealand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-13 03:36:42 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 928 Message: 928

Here is a page with a short mp3 audio file from last Friday's contact
with a ZL1.

There's also a photo of my bike setup. It was taken by Ken, WB9QDL
Saturday during the hamfest in Monument, Colorado.

http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx2/zl1aix.html

Jake
NØLX

929. Re: [BMHA] More wireless headset ponderings..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-13 16:18:27 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 926 Message: 929

A friend sent this link to me. A tad pricey and the range is short, but still something more to ponder in the wireless headset discussion.

http://www.freelinc.com/index.php?content=technology

I like the mini tranceivers on the sparkfun site.. some possibility there.

Jim
wb4ofm

Arnie Grubbs <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
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930. Re: Bicycle Mobile sites

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-15 05:27:24 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 923 Message: 930

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Ryan" <kc2lks@y...> wrote:
> Does anyone know of any web sites that are bicycle mobile related
> and show pictures of the various setups other amatuers have?

Just came across this link. It's long so be sure to grab the whole
thing:
http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~mcfadden/amateur_radio_links.htm#bicycle-
mobile

Jake
NØLX

931. Know of a source for helmet-mounted microphone boom?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-15 23:56:29 UTC
From: Tim Ikeda
Topic: 931 Message: 931

Hello!
Does anyone know of a source for the thin, hollow, plastic-coated, flexible cables used for the booms of many headsets? I would like to create my own boom with a noise-cancelling mic element and mount it to the side of my helmet. Most of the booms for headsets w/ earpieces are too short to attach this way.

Thanks,
Tim
KE6GLW

932. Re: [BMHA] Know of a source for helmet-mounted microphone boom?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-16 04:40:57 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 931 Message: 932

Check the world of motorcycling! Those folks use such mics and headphones in intercom configuration between driver and passenger!

Harry,
WD9FYF
----- Original Message -----
From: Tim Ikeda
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, Jun 15, 2005 18:56
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933. Re: [BMHA] Know of a source for helmet-mounted microphone boom?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-16 19:13:19 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 931 Message: 933

Heres a thought, and its ok to laugh, It may not be real pretty, but how about a piece of heat shrink with the wire and a pipe cleaner up the middle. Then shrink it down. Of course, fixing it at the ends might be tricky.

"Harry G. Seyfert" <wd9fyf@...> wrote:Check the world of motorcycling! Those folks use such mics and headphones in intercom configuration between driver and passenger!

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934. COUPON 20% off $75 or more at perfomancebike.com.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-16 16:33:40 UTC
From: flyingdavejohnson
Topic: 934 Message: 934

This is hot!!!!

COUPON 20% off $75 or more at perfomancebike.com.

This is one to take advantage of!

I haven't seen a 20% off coupon in a while!

I found the deal and coupon code at this link.. it has the details...

http://www.whatsyourdeal.com/forums/showthread.php?p=4813

Hope this helps someone! :)

935. bicycle mobile on 6/17

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-17 14:12:00 UTC
From: ajspurr@cfu.net
Topic: 935 Message: 935

I will be QRP bicycle mobile on Friday, June 17 from about 1430z until about 1700z on or near 14.285 and/or 14.3425 MHz. I'm not sure how 20m is today, but if you're interested you can see if you can hear me.

73,

Aaron
N0MLZ

936. Re: New Zealand from the bike!! N0LX/bm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-19 01:32:45 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 925 Message: 936

Just realized I didn't send the link. Here is a short audio clip of my
New Zealand contact from the bicycle:

http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx2/zl1aix.html

Jake
NØLX

> I had my digital recorder with me and was able to get the audio with
> the XE2 and ZL1.

937. A newbie question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-20 23:46:59 UTC
From: Don DeGregori
Topic: 937 Message: 937

I just joined this group a few days ago, but I wonder if I can get some help, even though a question like mine may have been answered many times. All I want to do mount mount my VX-2R on the handlebars of my Giant Sedona comfort bike. Need a bracket idea. Also, want to mount a gain antenna on rear bike rack, which I don't have yet. Not sure which antenna to get, but should be dual band. Would like to be able to remove radio when I lock up bike.

Any ideas appreciated.

Thanks, Don...W6RWN

938. RE: Newbie question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-21 16:00:09 UTC
From: Redding, Walt
Topic: 938 Message: 938

I have had good luck with a small bag designed to mount a cell phone on a bicycle. It is made by Topeak I think, and has a built in mount for quick releasing from the bike frame. The mount can be used on almost any size tube, and it also has an extra pocket for keys etc.
Walt kj5zf

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939. Re: Newbie question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-21 20:30:39 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 938 Message: 939

I mount my VX-7 by clipping it into an adapted mic holder.
I've bent the "forks" slightly to make it a tighter fit.
This mic holder is just cable tied to the handlebar upright.
The rig being in it's carry case adds to the security.

I don't know if the VX2 has the same button on the rear as the VX7
has, but if it does I recommend this easy fixing.

The only times the rig has come out of it's "holder" is on the couple
of occasions that me and my bike have parted company.
The rig stays in place no matter what surface I throw at it.

As for antenna mounts. I use a Watson W-770-HB dual bander on a
rightangled bracket that I fixed to the rear rack. Through this
bracket I drilled a 15mm hole and fitted a straight through SO-239
"coupler", making sure that there was a large washer to spread the
load either side of the plate.
The Watson screws directly into this 239 and the coax screws in the
bottom of it. This mount can easily be adapted for 3/8 mount HF
antennas thanks to an SO-239 to 3/8 adapter that are easily found at
rallies/hamfests etc.

I've put in maybe a thousand miles with this set up, with very few
problems other than connections working loose, and the occasional
problem with road grime.

HTH

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

940. Re: Newbie question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-21 22:57:40 UTC
From: Don DeGregori
Topic: 938 Message: 940

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> Walt kj5zf

Thanks Walt. I checked out the bag. It is a Topeak TC2228B, it looks just about the right size for the little VX-2R. But, trying to find one is another story. REI is supposed to carry it. There's a store near by, but none there, or any store in So. Cal. The wherehouse in WA has them, but date at the store is July 6. Shipping to me would cost $8, almost as much as the item at $12. Maybe Topeak will amswer my e-mail!

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941. Re: Newbie question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-21 23:00:52 UTC
From: Don DeGregori
Topic: 938 Message: 941

Thanks Darren for all your info. I think I like the Topeak idea, but
I'll keep in mind your design if I can't get one.
Don...W6RWN

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942. RE: [BMHA] Re: Newbie question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-22 01:21:48 UTC
From: Ted Burris
Topic: 938 Message: 942

Hi All,
I have been listening here for about a year but don't remember the last time I posted.
I don't know about the VX-2R, I could not find a picture of the back on the internet. but the VX-7 has a button on the back and a belt clip. I bought an extra belt clip and used a pipe clamp to hold it to the stem going out to the handle bars. If the VX2 is of similar config you could likely do the same. If its not I have VX150's that we do the same with except I jb welded a wing nut to the pipe clamp. We loosen, slide the integral clip into the pipe clamp and tighten just enough to hold solid but not enough to damage the clip. I have had one VX150 clip fail due to pot holes but after all I am in KS. I have one other thought for you. I haven't tried it with a radio but I have a set of Sony speakers on my "dash" on my bike that I slide in and out of an 8.88 Generic Walmart flip-phone cell phone holster. It works great for them and they make multiple sizes. A similar holster might fit your VX2. (Pictures of my rig are available on request.)

While I'm here, Has any body had any luck modifying a headset and remote PTT button to work with a VX7. and
I am considering adding about a 30 watt amp and 7AH Gell Cell to my rig. Any opinions on adding the amp vs. changing to a radio instead of the HT.
I have so much stiff on my "dash board" I dont thing I have room to go to a radio.

Have a great day.

Ted

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Don DeGregori
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2005 6:16 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Newbie question

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943. Re: Newbie question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-22 03:08:24 UTC
From: Don DeGregori
Topic: 938 Message: 943

Walt
Which Topeak phone bag did you get? They have 2. One is called the Handy Phone Pack and the other is called Handy Phone pack Plus. The Plus is larger and has a 2nd zippered compartment for keys, etc.

Don

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944. Re: [BMHA] Know of a source for helmet-mounted microphone boom?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-22 03:32:00 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 931 Message: 944

Try Otto Engineering (www.ottoeng.com). The manufacture a lot of mic/ear phone products and may have something you can use.

Tim Ikeda wrote:

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>flexible cables used for the booms of many headsets? I would like to
>create my own boom with a noise-cancelling mic element and mount it to
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>too short to attach this way.
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Len Revelle N9IJ
"My career goal is to retire"

945. RE: Newby question Topeak Phone Bag

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-22 14:54:40 UTC
From: Redding, Walt
Topic: 945 Message: 945

The one I got has the extra compartment for keys, and actually my vx-5r will fit in either compartment. I got it at Bicycles Inc., so you may want to check their web site. Can't remember how much it was. Less than twenty bucks, maybe closer to 12.00 or 15.00.
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946. Weather proof connector

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-24 10:11:31 UTC
From: Jason Linz
Topic: 946 Message: 946

I hope this hasn't been asked before but, I have baught aa new bike not to long ago. I figured this time when I set it up I would put some radio equipment on it. After thinking a while about it I desided to get a cheap rack for behind the seat that mouts right on the seat post. I then took off the plastic part and got an ammo box from a local shop. So far I have prilled holes in the bottom to mount the box to the mettal part of the rack. The next think I want to do is find a weather proof connector to mount in the front of the box right behind the seat to connect a headset and GPS to the radios inside the box. I want to try to keep the box as water tight as I can to keep any radios inside dry incase I end up in the rain. I haven't realy been able to come up with what to use for the connector. I am wundering if anyone has any ideas. I guess it would be like a pannel mount 6 pin type connector.

I figure when I get that figured out I can look at finding a way to put an antenna somewhere that I won't hit it getting on the bike.

Thanks
KC0GCJ

947. Re: [BMHA] Weather proof connector

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-24 23:13:39 UTC
From: Bill MacLane
Topic: 946 Message: 947

Check Allied Electonics or Newark Electronics. They
both carry AMP CPC connectors which are available with
waterproof boots and o-ring seals. The more expensive
alternative is the Bendix connector which is the
military style of pin and socket connectors. These
are made by Amphenol. They are also available form
Newark and Allied. Check a local ARmy surplus
supplier too.

--- Jason Linz <kc0gcj@...> wrote:

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73,
Bill
KI4KEQ

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948. Bike Mobile Field Day and trip along C&O Canal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-25 02:39:20 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 948 Message: 948

Heading out tomorrow with my son's Scout troop to ride the C&O Canal towpath from Cumberland MD to Georgetown, DC (184 miles). Hope to operate Field Day "1B MD" QRP/battery from the towpath during rest stops and after we camp for the night. [although the ARRL propogation forcast indicates conditions may be challenging at 5W!] Operations will continue batteries permitting) thru mid-day Wednesday. I will probably hang out on the HFPack SSB calling frequencies on 17, 20, 40 or 60M and maybe try EastCars and the county hunter's net if I can figure out which county I'm in. Equipment is an FT-817, MP-1 with a flexible whip and the 12' MFJ telescoping whip, mounted on a hardtail MTB. Rig is sitting in a handlebar bag. Oh, I wish all the radio gear weighed less- about 10 pounds for the ham stuff and 20-25 for everything else (not including my share of the food). The other Scouters think I am NUTS.

IF I happen to work any BMHA'ers, QSL via home QTH. Report and hopefully pics when I get back.

73 de KS1G (/3 for the next few days)

949. RE: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-25 04:57:17 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 949 Message: 949

Good evening all,

Got the bike all geared up, the shock absorbers oiled, the batteries all charged up, the keyer mounted and all ready to make some contacts and score some CW points.

Going 1C again this year with an 706MkIIG, AH-4 tuner and a 102" steel, spring mounted whip. Last year 162CW contacts, 78 miles, 606 points and 10th place. This year 250Qs, 100 miles, and 1000 points and 5th place.

It's going to be close to 100 degrees here tomorrow and if I don't put it out there I'll end up in the air conditioned family room watching the Cubs and Sox in the cross town series.

The bike is a Cannondale hybrid bike so I don't chafe those tender parts. Big cushy seat.

Just imagine the shame those weenies in their cars will feel when they realize they've been bested by a BMHA dude. Playing CW. On a moving bike. Dodging traffic. In the broiling Sun. WHAT? Am I nutz?

At the moment I am carbo loading on Guinness Beer. I believe there is a special elixir in the foam. Perhaps it's the carbos talking?

Now, don't we think there should be a special ARRL FD category for BM?

73, 1C IL

W9XS - Ron

950. seatpost rack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-25 05:12:48 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 950 Message: 950

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They aren't rated for more than about 15 lbs and mine
has a tendancy to rotate around the seatpost, no
matter how tight.... So if your works out, let us know
which kind it is.

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> From: "Jason Linz" <kc0gcj@...>
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951. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-25 17:59:20 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 949 Message: 951

Ron Baran wrote:

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>realize they've been bested by a BMHA dude. Playing CW. On a moving bike.
>Dodging traffic. In the broiling Sun. WHAT? Am I nutz?
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Knock 'em dead old friend.

Just picked up my new Sun recumbent yesterday. Got the necessary first-time dump outta the way this morning (only skinned shin)! Man, recumbents sure demand a whole new muscle group.

In keeping with BMHA the maiden cruise was made with the D7 and GPS working.

I considered taking the 817/Z11/Buddipole out for some FD Q's but, seeing as you've always been more nuts than I, I decided to let you fry your skull out there. I may make some 1C Q's in the air conditioned van while visiting local FD sites. Hope you do embarass the mobiles.
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Len Revelle N9IJ
"My career goal is to retire"

952. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-25 19:46:25 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 949 Message: 952

Hmmm- 91F and 45%humidity? Getting a bit toasty out there. Everything working fine. Ran into the AC after the first hour and a half. Fill up the water bottle, fillup the tummy and off again in a couple of minute. Up on 20Mtr cw. Seems like people like to all get on the same freq and call CQ - nobody makes any contacts but they feel busy.

AC van? Wassat? Get the recumbant out there and make some 1Cs the Big Boy way. If they can't hear you coming they will at least smell you coming. Wanna a battle ribbon bandage? Wonder how 75 is going to be tonight?

Am I rambling? Thought so. Must be time to get back out there.

73 1C, IL, W9XS

>From: Len Revelle <lenrev@...>
>Reply-To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>Subject: Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day
>Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2005 12:59:20 -0500
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953. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-25 21:12:43 UTC
From: Joe Martin
Topic: 949 Message: 953

Hey Lee,
The sprocket design is now fading from my shin on my lwb :0
You just can't turn an 8 foot bike on a dime :)
I am considering for the park trails around Ft Worth/Dallas, a swb uss like the ones from Action Bent for a bit more maneuverability. New muscle group, you got that right ,even the ones you land on as you look around to see if anyone saw you look like a dufus on the way to the ground. Ain't it great, just like when we were kids.
Of course then we didn't even know what a helmet was, but the word rasberries does come to mind.
Joe

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954. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-26 16:02:45 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 949 Message: 954

Joe Martin wrote:

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Ya' know, I did feel just like a kid when I went down......though I wasn't 54 then, and wasn't 275 pounds. All the more spectacular at a busy intersection! Was actually on the sidewalk and hit an "after-thought" section of trail with a sharp s-turn avoiding light poles at the intersection. Perfect set of skid marks from me pushing the front wheel sideways. It was comforting that only three vehicles passed me in the busy intersection before someone asked if I was OK.

I looked at the Action bikes and decided to stay with the LWB for now. I may try to build a SWB this winter since I bought the LWB I had plans to build.

I was able to mount my old rear rack, cooler, and hang the pack from the seat back. The 817 pack should mount nicely as well though I dunno if I need to worry about too much rear weight making the front end too light. I won't mount that until I have more experience with the bike.

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955. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-26 16:05:13 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 949 Message: 955

Ron Baran wrote:

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Ron, did you stay on forest preserve trails or ride the streets?

I think your operation deserves some pix and maybe an article for QST,
QRP Journal, and others..
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956. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-26 16:51:25 UTC
From: Joe Martin
Topic: 949 Message: 956

Hey Len,
Know what you mean about those "afterthought" sections. They don't bother me as much as dodging broken beer bottles. On the plus side, I worked a bike event in Richardson, Tx. this year and rode in a SAG as one of the communication team. The SAG was from Richardson BikeMart and the driver was one of BikeMart's mechanics. It was great, I learned from watching a "master" at work on flats on the road. Man, such a bargain! And he didn't use any tire tools on quick disconnect tires, and had a homebuilt air tank he had converted from one of his old scuba tanks. You couldn't pay to get a better tire clinic :)
My next project is gong to be a trike, I will most likely use a lot of the stuff off my homebuilt lwb. You can get some great ideas off this guys home page in Canada
(http://bikes.jkcc.com/).
I also like the idea of Powder Coating instead of "rattle cans" if I like the finished product.
We are fortunate in the DFW area to have several Powder Coaters, so you can actually drop off your parts. You can do it like I was trained to do small print jobs. Just let the shop add your parts to another big job that has room left on the rack. It's good for us both.
Anyway just a few thoughts on future projects.
By the way, I'll be 58 in Dec. yikes! So riding is my way of working off daily frustrations and weight. I'm holding my own at around 210 on my 5'7", can't do as much as I used to but still having fun :)
Joe / Fort Worth
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957. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-26 17:54:22 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 949 Message: 957

Joe Martin wrote:

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Thanks for the insight, Joe. I'll check out that page as it looks like a lot of good info.

Part of my warped thinking included the idea that if I paid the price of a bent bike, I'll ride it to get my monies' worth and loose weight. In any case the XYL will make me get my monies' worth.
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Len Revelle N9IJ
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958. Re: [BMHA]Results Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-27 13:52:51 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 958 Message: 958

G'Day All,

Nothing like a good night's sleep to get you feeling perky after a long stint on FD. Did you notice how EVERYTHING sounds like CW for a few hours after?

Time to eat some Major Crow. My pre-FD predictions were 250Qs on CW, 100 miles on the bike, and 1000 points. What was I thinking?

Final total was 206 CW Qs, 77.23 miles on the bike, and 974 points (forgot about all those bogus bonus points).

All the Qs were while in motion and the motion lasted for 9h 28m, for an average of 8.1MPH. It's an Old Fart version of "I can beetchewup with one hand behind my back." No, Martha, we never grow up.

Close to 1000 points ought to put a BMHA dude right near the top of the 1C class. Do you suppose all those guys sitting in their air conditioned cars will feel shame?

Hope all are healing nicely from their FD activities.

73,

Ron W9XS

http://w9xs.us

959. Re: [BMHA]Results Bike Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-27 14:08:53 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 958 Message: 959

Hey,

Please tell Martha I'm 67, and next year I promise
I'll grow up.

Scott, N7NET
Lost in Texas

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Discover Yahoo!
Find restaurants, movies, travel and more fun for the weekend. Check it out!
http://discover.yahoo.com/weekend.html

960. SWB for trails FTW/Dallas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-06-27 16:40:20 UTC
From: Redding, Walt
Topic: 960 Message: 960

Joe, if you'd like to take my v-rex for a spin, I'd be happy to let you. It's not uss but it would give you a feel for a SWB. Some of the sharp turns for the low water crossings at the Trinity are a little tricky, but if I take it easy It's ok. Even the gravel trails weren't a problem when I had wide tires on it. But I've changed to skinny ones so I don't get on the gravel much if I can help it.
Walt kj5zf

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961. Re: seatpost rack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-05 10:03:38 UTC
From: Jason Linz
Topic: 950 Message: 961

The one I am using is I think a Bell from Kmart. It was the only one I could find. It says on it not for waight of more then 20lb. As far as I can figure it will be enuff for me. To much waight will show me down and make it so I can't put the bike away. I have had some trouble with it turning but only when it tips over on the grass.

I got a antenna mount for an NMO mount that I used to put on vans allong the front pannel. I drilled out a hole to fit the rear axel. I hope to mount a non ground plane NMO antenna soon. I hope it will give me more range then the HT antenna hooked to my side.

The big thing I am worried about is keeping it from getting to heavy and beeing able to ride it as out of shape as I am.

HAM it up
KC0GCJ

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962. New member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-12 00:51:15 UTC
From: Bud Talbot
Topic: 784 Message: 962

Greetings-

my name is Bud, and I am a new member of the BMHA yahoo group. I live in Louisville, CO (near Boulder) and am a ham and cyclist. I'm into APRS (I have a 24/7 APRS/WX station at home, and APRS mobile), portable HF (HFPack) and ARMY MARS (I am the CO Assistant State Director).

I have fooled around with bicycle mobile APRS before on my mountain bike, but I've recently gotten into road biking and would like to do some hamming from the saddle. My wife and I did Ride the Rockies this year and I sure wish I had the HT with me.

ANyway, just thought I'd say hey and look forward to interacting with the group.

73 de Bud
KB9WVG

963. New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-17 19:05:30 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 963

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September

964. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 11:45:04 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 963 Message: 964

Hello and welcome,
I imagine you are talking about the UHF FRS/GMRS radios. They work pretty well, but those milage ratings are under almost line of sight conditions and if you run them at their highest power setting, which reguires the GMRS license. If your radio headset has a push to talk switch, I would recommend using that instead of the voice operated keying. That would solve the wind noise problem, but it does require you to take your hand off the handle bars unless you can rig it up some how to keep the button in your hand or attached to the bars. Also, if you are wearing the radio on your belt and the antenna is right up against your body, that will cut your distance down quite a bit. Try coming up with a way to mount the radio somewhere else, maybe on the handle bars or rig up a way to carry it at a different place on your body that gets the antenna in the clear.
Hope this helps some.
Jim

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965. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 11:46:37 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 963 Message: 965

Those sound like FRS radios. These have limitations. The "range" given is under ideal conditions ... open, flat ground or hilltop to hilltop. Then also, if you have these clipped to your body .. your body will absorb some of the RF energy and further reduce your range.

As far as the use of VOX (voice activation) on a bike ... I've never found it practical.

You could try GMRS radios. They have more power but you'll still have to deal with the antenna close to your body issue and figure out some way to safely activate the PTT (push to talk) switch.

Another alternative is MURS radios. These are license free, have more power than FRS, but have the ability to use removable (external) antennas. So you could mound a larger antenna directly on the bike and get it away from your body. However, there are few models of radios sold new for this service these days. There are some "commercial" radios that will qualify, but these are (mostly) ridiculously expensive. The DAKOTA ALERT radios are, as far as I know, the only 'new' MURS radios now currently offered for sale.

OR .... (since most of us here are ham radio operators) .. you both can get your ham radio licenses and they you can use ham radios.

Richard Amirault N1JDU
Boston, MA, USA Go Fly A Kite
----- Original Message -----
From: "September Brown"
Subject: [BMHA] New Member
(snip)
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966. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 12:11:22 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 966

Jim,

Thanks for your help. Yes, that is the kind of radio we have. We were wearing them in our jersey pockets. I didn't know about the antenna being muted. I'll have to figure out a way to mount them. The headset doesn't have a push-to-talk switch. Do they make them that way?

September

967. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 12:27:03 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 967

Richard,

Thanks for your help. I'm not familiar with MURS radios. We have four of these FMS/GMRS radios, (two VOX/PTT and two PTT only), and we were hoping that as cheap as they were (and easily accessible), maybe they'd catch on with other cyclists if there was a practical way to use them. We saw several other couples using them on a recent trip, but didn't have a chance to ask them if they were having any success. On the way home, we noticed several motorcyclists with what appeared to be VOX headsets under their helmets. If they can find a way to beat the wind, I figured surely I could, too.

As for getting a ham license, I may do that. However, if it's possible, I'd still like to find a way to make the cheap radios work as a viable way for cyclists to communicate within a riding group.

September

968. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 12:32:20 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 963 Message: 968

Seems like I have seen them with a small ptt switch inline on some of them. what brand radios are they?

September Brown <gregb@...> wrote:
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969. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 12:43:40 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 969

We have a pair of Cobras, model PR990, and a pair of Unidens, model GMR895-2.

September

----- Original Message -----

Seems like I have seen them with a small ptt switch inline on some of them. what brand radios are they?

970. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 14:22:52 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 963 Message: 970

Hi September,

Have you two considered owning a tandem bike? If you did that he would never get out of sight. You can't imagine the added pleasure a tandem provides over two seperate bikes.

If you'd like to pursue this idea I can provide you with a tandem forum.

Let me know.

ScottnBarb, n7net/kc7bsy
Lost somewhere in Texas

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971. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 14:32:28 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 971

Scott,

Actually, yes, we want to get a tandem. We'd like to find a recumbent that will fit a 6'6" captain and a 5'7" stoker. Our LBS dealer said my husband's too tall for a recumbent tandem. I'm hoping he's wrong.

September

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972. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 15:01:29 UTC
From: Joe Martin
Topic: 963 Message: 972

Welcome to the gang September! Say have you looked into the
(rbent@yahoogroups.com)
for tandem recumbent info? They might be able to answer some of your
questions on the tandem. Good luck on the radio situation, I am one of
the local VE's and course instructors for the amateur Tech. license in
Irving, Texas, I promise you the Tech ticket is easy to obtain with a
little study on your part, you'll be talking on ham radio in no time and
there are lots of radios a very low cost with max results. You wouldn't
be disappointed in your efforts I promise you that.
Good luck to you which ever way you decide to go.
Ride Safe,
Joe/Ft.Worth

September Brown wrote:

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973. Re: New member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 17:04:51 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 784 Message: 973

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Bud Talbot" <kb9wvg@a...> wrote:
> Greetings-
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> my name is Bud, and I am a new member of the BMHA yahoo group. I live
> in Louisville, CO (near Boulder) and am a ham and cyclist

Greetings, Bud.

Well, it looks like we're neighbors and both HFpacker's, too. I live in Golden, CO.

I fooled around with VHF/bm as a way to pass the time on my rides to work, but at 5:30 a.m. there's no one to talk to. Then, by 6:30 p.m. on the way home, everyone else is already destinated and eating dinner:-)

For me, the best way to do bike mobile is HF. I run either an FT-817 or my IC-706 with the control head mounted on the handlebars, using 17 or 20 meters.

A few weeks ago I was riding north of town and was talking to a guy in Mexico on 20 m (20 watts), when a ZL1 broke in from Auckland, New Zealand! I had a digital voice recorder running as my log book and captured the contact. Here's a link to the audio and photo:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx2/zl1aix.html

And here's the setup with the 817:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/bikemobile.html

I also ran APRS for a while. It was fun to have someone across the continent look up my webpage and see my location and speed in real-time.

73,
Jake
N0LX

974. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-18 18:05:46 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 963 Message: 974

Hi September,

I've sent an email to a friend who has a wealth of
tandem savey. We'll have to wait for him to check his
email.

Scott, n7net in Texas

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975. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 01:05:16 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 975

Thanks, Joe. I wasn't familiar with that Yahoo group. I'll check them out.

You're not too far from my old stomping grounds. I grew up in Carrollton. When we moved there, the population was 3,500, and the mayor made $75 a month, because it was only a part-time job.

September

976. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 01:08:31 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 976

Thank you, Scott. I appreciate your efforts to help.

September

----- Original Message -----

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tandem savey. We'll have to wait for him to check his
email.

Scott, n7net in Texas

977. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 01:17:19 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 963 Message: 977

Hi September,

Rudy and his stoker call Tucson home, but they are tandeming in Utah. So he isn't as prompt to reply as he is in the winter.

I'll probably hear from him tomorrow and I'll forward the information to you.

Scott in Texas

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978. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 01:23:40 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 978

Thank you. That's very nice of you to go out of your way like that.

September

----- Original Message -----

I'll probably hear from him tomorrow and I'll forward
the information to you.

979. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 15:06:43 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 963 Message: 979

Hi September,

Here's Rudy's reply:

"Rudy Van" <zonatandem@...> View Contact
Details
To: n7net@...
Subject: from Rudy and Kay
Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2005 18:27:28 -0700

Scott 'n Barb (somewhere in TX!)

Contact Bike Friday in Eugene, OR; they do build a
'bent 2-seater; most
of
their tandems are really built to size, although they
don't advertise
them
as 'custom'.
Hans Scholz is one of the owners and quite innovative.
Hope this is of some help.

Pedal on TWOgether!
Rudy & Kay/zonatandem

I personally know Hans. He's a very busy person, and
he may be a week getting back to you, but keep trying
and just remember the squeaky wheel gets the grease.
Use our names, Scott and Barb Laughlin.

I know he's trying to suspend his recumbent business,
but lean on him, tell him he can quit after he
finishes your bike.

They built both a Tandem Two'sDay and a New World
Tourist for us. They aren't cheap.

The phone number is 800-777-0258
Website is www.bikefriday.com

There is yet another source, maybe: The Eugene
Bicycle Works, 541-686-9885, www.efn.org/~CAT
Jan (pronounced Yawn) is the person in charge, and
even harder to reach than Hans.

I hope this helps.

Best regards,
ScottnBarb
Somewhere in Texas

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980. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 16:02:03 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 980

Thank you, Scott, and please tell your friend thanks, too. I'll certainly check them out.

September

----- Original Message -----

.....Contact Bike Friday in Eugene, OR;

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Website is www.bikefriday.com

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981. Somebody mention TANDEMS?!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 20:44:27 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 981 Message: 981

> Message: 4
> Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2005 07:22:52 -0700 (PDT)
> From: scott laughlin <n7net@...>
> Subject: Re: New Member
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> Hi September,
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982. Somebody mention TANDEMS?!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 20:54:01 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 981 Message: 982

I got a tandem last year for me and teh YL. We do ultras and long-distance tours. We have 8 other bikes but never touch the singles anymore. I HIGHLY recommend them. If your partner is already putting up with your radio hobby, your relationship is probably solid enough for tandeming!

QSO's should be a natural for the stoker, but she doesn't have her license (yet). We are the same size, so she could captain (if I lost 10 lbs of fat and she gained the same in muscle!). But I'd me the control operator anyway, I guess. I have an IC-703 and a Comet UHV-6 - I'll have to try it!

72
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

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983. Re: Somebody mention TANDEMS?!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 21:11:34 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 981 Message: 983

Hi,

We have a new member who is trying to make their new
family type radios work like they thought they should.
I suggested she should consider a tandem. And now
they are.

Barb and I bought our first tandem in 1995. It solved
a lot of energy problems for us, plus it strengthened
our union of 33 years, then.

Barb's a ham, too. Her call is KC7BSY. We're both in
Texas, even though QRZ doesn't show that.

Seven bikes? We have two. A Burley and a Bike Friday
New World Tourist. Summer before last Barb drove
support for me while I pedaled from Yuma to El Paso,
following along the Mexico border as much as we could,
using simplex 146.52 to ride herd on each other. It
was fun, but not nearly as much fun as having her with
me. She injured her knee three years ago, and it's
been awhile in healing. We're just now getting back
in the swing of it

So what kind of tandem do you have? What is your
highest adventure to date? One of our best was
cycling from Williams, AZ to Grand Canyon, and back.

72,

Scott, n7net
Lost in Texas

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984. Re: [BMHA] New Member - September

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 21:03:19 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 984 Message: 984

September,

Welcome!

Your experience with those radios is not all that uncommon. My guess is that those are FRS Radios (Channels 1-14/no license required 0.5 watts of power) with GMRS (Channels 15-22/License required $75.00 and power unknown for your radios) Mileage figures on those radios are based on a perfect scenario of no interference by other devices and Line of sight operation. Line of sight operation is defined as the two radios having a clear space 1 meter radius from the antenna, elevated above the terrain, and no obstructions between the two radios. This is a predictable standard but very unrealistic. When you place the radio on your belt or camelback water pack, your body or pack absorbs the energy from the antenna which significantly reduces your range. Putting it in your pocket is very bad. This is why most of us have antennas on our bikes. Now you can't put a different antenna on your radios but if you can position them so the antenna is not against anything, you might get out to a mile. Voice activation just does not work on a bike for all the reasons you have observed. You need to use the push-to-talk switch.

The Technician Class Ham radio license is very attainable with minor study. The radios are many times more powerful with a variety of antenna options thereby increasing your distance. I would suggest that you hook up with a local ham club and get licensed. This is the only radio license you can't buy, you have to earn it. Testing these days I think is about $12.00 and the license is good for 10 years with free 10 year renewals. There are radio hams all over the world and it goes really good with bike riding. Check out the files section for pictures of members bikes with antennas. With the antenna on my bike I easily get 10 miles point to point with my handheld radio and many times more using an extending device called a repeater. Repeaters are typically supported and maintained by local ham radio clubs for the use of all ham radio operators. Go to www.arrl.org and click on the clubs link just below the big red ARRL in the upper left corner to find a club near you.

S. Earl Jarosh
N0HZ (ex. KA0VYB) No Hertz, No Gain

----- Original Message -----
From: "September Brown" <gregb@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2005 2:05 PM
Subject: [BMHA] New Member

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985. Re: New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-19 14:59:16 UTC
From: Kevin Bersch
Topic: 963 Message: 985

September,

The motorcyclists probably had PTT buttons on the handlebars. There are radios made for motorcycles with headsets and remote PTT.

When I ride with others I put my FRS radio on the shoulder strap for my Camelbak. This keeps it close to my ear and makes it easy to use by simply turning my head, reaching up to push the PTT, and speaking. This does require yo to take one hand off the handlebar, but you should stop if you need to have a long conversation, anyway. We just use the radios to in case we need to sop or have a problem.

Be aware that the interference eliminator codes for different brands of radios are not necessarilly compatible. Cobras, Midlands, and Motorla Talkabouts use the same tones for the same number. I don't have any information about the Uniden.

If you use channels 1-7 with radios that are GMRS/FRS rather than just FRS you should technicall have a GMRS license. Those channels are in both services and GMRS licensees can use higher poser than unlicensed FRS operators. The dual GMRS/FRS handehelds usually transmit at a higher power on channels 1-7 whic makes it illeagle for an unlicensed operator to use those channels. The instructions don't cover this very well. I believe a GMRS license is around $70 for 5 years. No test required. Covers the immediate family living at home. Look at http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/personal/ for more information on different personal radio services.

The tandem idea is a good one. My wife and I keep talking about a tandem. She likes a recumbent (although she doesn't have one yet) and I like a standard bike. There is a company in Germany that makes a hybrid tandem with a recumbent infront of a standard bike. The captain sits in back with this bike. You both can see where you are going. I don't remember the name of the compant, but you can probably find it by doing a search for recumbent tandem.

Seriously consider getting a Technician class amateur license. You will be happy with what you can do with it.

Good luck.

Kevin Bersch
Tigard, OR
KE7VIN

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986. Re: [BMHA] Re: New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-20 02:33:05 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 963 Message: 986

Kevin,

Thanks for the additional information about the FMR/GMRS radios, and the tips, too. I just may take everyone up on that suggestion for getting a ham license. My father-in-law is a ham, and my husband grew up around it, but never really had an interest in it. I'm a nurse and started listening to scanners once I learned that I could get a head's-up from the ambulances before they called the ER. Now that the emergency frequencies are scrambled, it's not much fun to listen anymore, unless I can catch the storm-chasers on their hams. When I did travel nursing about ten years ago, I used to take a CB with me, but I hardly ever talked. It was just something nice to have in an emergency, or if I needed directions. Some of the truckers made me uncomfortable, so I didn't talk unless I really needed to. That was before I had a cell phone. I entertained the idea of getting a ham license back then, but hubby wasn't crazy with the idea of constructing another tower, like he'd done for his dad, especially when he nearly fell from the top. It was an 85 ft tower, and they were guying it off during a storm, and they were straightening it up with a fence jack. The guy wire came loose, and he was suddenly hanging on with one hand. Jump forward a few years, now he's married to me, and I mentioned an interest in hams. Needless to say, he wasn't too thrilled with the idea, especially when he thought it was just a passing fancy on my part. He's more open to the idea now that he sees I really do enjoy radios of all sorts, whether it's listening, talking, or just reading about them.

September

----- Original Message -----

September,

The motorcyclists probably had PTT buttons on the handlebars. There are radios made for motorcycles with headsets and remote PTT.

When I ride with others I put my FRS radio on the shoulder strap for my Camelbak. This keeps it close to my ear and makes it easy to use by simply turning my head, reaching up to push the PTT, and speaking. This does require yo to take one hand off the handlebar, but you should stop if you need to have a long conversation, anyway. We just use the radios to in case we need to sop or have a problem.

Be aware that the interference eliminator codes for different brands of radios are not necessarilly compatible. Cobras, Midlands, and Motorla Talkabouts use the same tones for the same number. I don't have any information about the Uniden.

If you use channels 1-7 with radios that are GMRS/FRS rather than just FRS you should technicall have a GMRS license. Those channels are in both services and GMRS licensees can use higher poser than unlicensed FRS operators. The dual GMRS/FRS handehelds usually transmit at a higher power on channels 1-7 whic makes it illeagle for an unlicensed operator to use those channels. The instructions don't cover this very well. I believe a GMRS license is around $70 for 5 years. No test required. Covers the immediate family living at home. Look at http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/personal/ for more information on different personal radio services.

The tandem idea is a good one. My wife and I keep talking about a tandem. She likes a recumbent (although she doesn't have one yet) and I like a standard bike. There is a company in Germany that makes a hybrid tandem with a recumbent infront of a standard bike. The captain sits in back with this bike. You both can see where you are going. I don't remember the name of the compant, but you can probably find it by doing a search for recumbent tandem.

Seriously consider getting a Technician class amateur license. You will be happy with what you can do with it.

Good luck.

Kevin Bersch
Tigard, OR
KE7VIN

987. Re: [BMHA] New Member - September

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-20 02:49:19 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 984 Message: 987

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-20 17:20:47 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 984 Message: 988

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ps does someone live near this couple that can help Elmer them in?????

----- Original Message -----
From: "September Brown" <gregb@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2005 9:49 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] New Member - September

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989. Re: [BMHA] New Member - September

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-21 00:36:05 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 984 Message: 989

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990. Dropping the code requirements for hf?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-21 18:22:30 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 990 Message: 990

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992. Re: [BMHA] Dropping the code requirements for hf?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-21 18:55:07 UTC
From: Joe Martin
Topic: 990 Message: 992

You got that right Jim,
I enjoy operating equipment I build on CW even at my 1 watt. My favorite is an old pear shape wwII vintage key.
Joe / N.Texas

Jim H wrote:

> leads to more licenses = more radio sales = more $$ in manufacturers
> pockets.
> I'm all for getting people interested, but there is something to be
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> else does away with something is just a good reason to keep doing it.
> I will avoid my soap box, but I think we have become a people that
> takes the easy way out of or into anything. I hope it doesn't go away
> completely. I think if it does, it will eventually die.
> Personally, I really enjoy pecking on my j38 into my hw-16. And these
> guys on here with paddles on their handlebars, I admire every one of
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Date: 2005-07-21 19:07:21 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 990 Message: 993

Jim, you do present a good argument.

I have a friend, Johnny, WB7???, a long haul truck driver and does CW in the run. He has a pair of micro switches plugged into a keyer. The switches are glued into a strip of velcro that fits onto his shifting hand. He's much faster than I am

I use an old Navy handpump and a Vibroplex Standard. The lower the power goes the slower one has to send. At least that's my feeling.

I haven't done any CW from the bike. It's all been two-meters and 440.

Two years ago I pedaled from Yuma to El Paso while Barb supported me with our pickup camper and we used 146.52 simplex. We stayed close to border most of the time. It was great fun.

Thanks for the shout.

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994. Re: [BMHA] Dropping the code requirements for hf?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-21 20:03:04 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 990 Message: 994

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Date: 2005-07-21 20:25:20 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 990 Message: 995

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996. Re: [BMHA] New Member - September

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-21 20:55:20 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 984 Message: 996

September,

While I can't speak for others, I have one road bike (That old blue Fuji 10speed with the antenna on the bike rack that you saw under the N0HZ files) with a Radio Shack FRS radio holder that I put my handheld into. I occasionally nick my son's mountain bike that I also have a holder on and move my haldheld to it. I use a handheld because they tend to be easy on batteries and put out about 2 Watts. That into an external antenna works very well. Other's on this forum have mounted mobile car radios and carry a 7 or 10 amp/hour battery so they can get that 25 or 45 watts when they need it. The mobiles with removable heads are most popular as they can put the radio body and battery in a top mount bike rack bag on the rear and the head on the bars. I don't find that I need that as I live in the Mpls, MN area and I can always find a repeater anywhere in MN. If I was going coast to coast I might do something with more power. I guess the point is that you indentify your needs based on your use. That is why there is such a variety of installations in the pictures area.

BTW, have you noticed that ham radio operators collect everything?

Earl

----- Original Message -----
From: "September Brown" <gregb@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 7:36 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] New Member - September

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997. Re: Dropping the code requirements for hf?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-22 12:06:12 UTC
From: bambazonke01
Topic: 990 Message: 997

I've been a CW operator (as well as other modes) for almost 50 years. I learned it in the Army a long time ago but to be honest I still sweat it . Today when we can hear computer operated code it is a marvel to listen to . Using CW as a digital orcomputerised means of communications sbhould ensure CW's continued use for years to come. Not surprisingly when you listen to computer CW and see it print on the screen your ability to read increases in speed by quite a large amount. You hear the sound and your mind "reads" the sound before it is even printed out.
Jim VE3DDY

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998. Conversational CW

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-07-23 13:38:38 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 998 Message: 998

Hey!

Those interested in honing their CW skills might want
to contact Nancy, WZ8C, through FISTS <www.fists.org>
and learn about the novels that will soon be available
on CD. Right now I think *Dorothy and the Wizard of
OZ* is available at 25 and 30 wpm.

Back in the '80s a World War II veteran told war
stories on 40 meters. he sent just a bit faster than
i could copy. So I ended up catching about every
third word and trying to anagram them together. An
interesting phrase I recall was when the sea came over
the deck and took out the pilot house windows. I
missed a bunch right after that and I still wonder
what happened.

I was as faithful to that guy as I was to the Cinnamon
Bear as a kid. Only serious stuff kept me away from
the radio.

His transmissions were a factor in my gaining 13 wpm
and earning my General.

72/73 Scott, N7NET

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999. Antenna Tuner

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-03 21:04:56 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 999 Message: 999

He all,

I have a MFJ 20-meter stick, and i want to mount it on a bike trailer this spring for operation with my MFJ-9420. Can someone help with a simple 20-meter tuner that might fit in a small space? I doubt the power would ever exceed 15-watts.

Thanks for any help that might be available.

Scott, n7net

1000. Where do I stand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-03 21:08:25 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 1000 Message: 1000

Can someone tell me where I can go to see when I need to pay my dues?

Thanks,

Scott, N7NET

1001. Re: Where do I stand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-03 22:37:49 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1000 Message: 1001

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You'd have to check with Mike (NF0N, treasurer) for an official answer, but the practical answer is that everyone is paid up and will stay that way for awhile.

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As for an exact answer to the question, I do have a database which shows dues activity (Mike sends them to me for logging once he does his treasurer-things) but this information is not available on the website. It would be very easy for me to make it available, but it feels too much of a privacy issue to me.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1002. Re: [BMHA] Re: Where do I stand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-03 23:04:00 UTC
From: Joe Martin
Topic: 1000 Message: 1002

>Long live Bicycle Mobile , thanks for keeping the light on for us Skip, one day "The Great Awakening " will come and untill then we wait, watch and xmit :)
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73 de KM5CW Joe

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1003. Re: Where do I stand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-03 23:30:50 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1000 Message: 1003

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1004. Re: Where do I stand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-03 23:31:04 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1000 Message: 1004

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1005. Re: [BMHA] Re: Where do I stand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-03 23:44:13 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1000 Message: 1005

Thanks Skip,

I appreciate your quick response.

BMHA is home to some of the most skilled hams I've ever come across.

I have a suggestion: Why can't an electronic newsletter be generated using Power Point (I use that name because it's the only one of which I'm familiar).

Two of us, perhaps even three of four, over-the-hill guys--17-year-olds--trapped in decaying bodies, are planning a Southern Tier bike trip from San Diego to St. Augustine come early spring. If it does, indeed, come to pass I'll be feeding a journal into the website via my pocketmail device, and some 20-meter cw, if I can ever shrink everything a bit smaller.

I've been talkin' this talk for so many years. It's time to git gittin' :-). I keep you abreast with the plans.

72/73 Scott

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1006. RAGBRAI Photo of Greenspeed trike uploaded

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-03 23:44:53 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1006 Message: 1006

I have posted a picture of the Greenspeed GT3 trike I rode on RAGBRAI (Bike ride across Iowa). I actually borrowed it from a co-worker who is also a Ham. You will notice the duoband antenna on the rear which is doing service as a flag bearer. Our team, Team Megacycles is composed of mostly Hams and we use 2 meters to communicate to our halfway point SAG vehicle and to locate the campsite at the end town for the day's ride. RAGBRAI is seven days long and is the largest organized state ride in the USA. 10000+ riders plus support people do the ride from the West edge to the Ease edge of Iowa.

Since the trike experience was great and whetted my appetite to get one myself, I envision all kinds of Ham things I can do with a trike. I will post as my dream becomes reality. Trikes are not cheap and I hope to choose one carefully.

Mike, NF0N

1007. Re: [BMHA] Re: Where do I stand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-04 00:00:13 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1000 Message: 1007

Joe,

Perhaps the light has been left on by others, as well, and bicycle mobiling will carry on for many years to come, according this brought forward from the bike league:

August 1 , 2005

$3 Billion Guaranteed for Biking in Final Bill
The new Transportation Bill, H.R. 3 SAFETEA-LU, almost doubles the amount available for bicyclists and pedestrians from the previous bill, guaranteeing at least $3 billion will be spent on bicycle programs through 2009. The bill creates a new Safe Routes to School program, with $612 million allocated for the program over the next 5 years. To learn more about the bill, and for updated analysis, visit www.bikeleague.org.

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1008. Re: Where do I stand

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-06 12:21:51 UTC
From: bambazonke01
Topic: 1000 Message: 1008

Dues?? What dues? This is the first time I have ever heard about dues.
Please explain direct .
Jim VE3DDY

1009. Dues? What Dues?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-06 13:39:08 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1009 Message: 1009

Just to be clear in response to Jim's post.
1) There are no dues to participate in this Yahoo!group.

2) There is a separate group (the BMHA -- Bicycle Mobile Hams of America) which has had dues (typically $10/year) and has published a quarterly newsletter until a couple of years ago when its founder (Hartley NA0A) passed away.

The BMHA website welcomes visitors and you can find (in reduced format, but still readable) the back issues and index of articles in the newsletter.

So, to allay any fears -- there are no "dues" associated with this Yahoo!group.

And please visit us on the BMHA website at
http://www.LaFetra.com/BMHA

- Skip AA6WK
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1010. Antenna mounting??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-06 15:44:02 UTC
From: Ryan
Topic: 1010 Message: 1010

What are some ways of mounting an antenna on a a mountain bike?
73,
Ryan

1011. Re: [BMHA] Antenna mounting??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-06 18:38:00 UTC
From: Jonathan Cullifer W4CGP
Topic: 1010 Message: 1011

Do you have a rear rack? The easiest thing to do is to mount it to that somehow. If you don't carry anything on the rack, you can drill/punch/whatever a hole in it that's big enough for an antenna mount and mount it that way. If not, then I don't know...I've got a road bike with no rack and right now I've relegated myself to carrying a HT in the back of my jersey and wearing a headset.

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1012. I'm on echolink off and on now

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-06 16:50:12 UTC
From: ephesians2v4
Topic: 1012 Message: 1012

For those of you interested i'm going to be on echolink off and on while bicycling or whatever. Just got my system put back online the other day.
My node is:30541, KC0LDT-L
Christian topics are most welcome, plus *trains* and *ham radio/scanning* of course.
hope to hear from some of you.
thanks,
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1013. Re: Antenna mounting??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-06 23:28:34 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 1010 Message: 1013

Ryan,

You didn't mention whether you wanted to mount an HF or VHF antenna.

Here is my original setup with a FT-817 and a big 13-foot antenna for HF. It shows the PVC bracket I attached to the rack as a support:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/bikemobile.html

At one point I wanted to try my hand at VHF, so I built a 2-meter, colinear J-pole. I live between the base of the Rocky Mountains to the west and two flat top mts to the east that shadow my signal both simplex and through repeaters. I needed something with gain:
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/vhfbike.html

Note: I have the PVC riser tilted back about 30 degrees to keep the big HF antenna from exceeding the legal street limit, but you could turn it vertical to prevent slight cross-polarization. You could also use it to mount a 2m 1/4-wave groundplane antenna with 3 sloping radials up nice and high with a longer riser. It would then be independent of the bike metal as a ground!

Here's one more shot: I mounted the 706 on the rack with the control head on the bars. There's also a 17AH battery inside the bag with the 706. This was the setup I used to work New Zealand with 20 watts back in June.
http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx2/zl1aix.html

Jake
N0LX

1014. RE: [BMHA] Antenna mounting??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-07 00:18:55 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1010 Message: 1014

I've used a fiberglass "bike flag" pole attached to the rear wheel and rack. To that, I attach a 2-meter or dual-band roll-up J-Pole antenna (better gain than a quarter wave, and doesn't need a ground plane). Works really well, but the setup does have a little bit of sway. To reduce that, I use a short piece of fishing line between the seat and the pole.

Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jonathan Cullifer W4CGP
Sent: Saturday, August 06, 2005 2:38 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Antenna mounting??

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1015. Re: [BMHA] Antenna mounting??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-07 02:31:45 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1010 Message: 1015

----- Original Message -----
From: "Ryan"
Sent: Saturday, August 06, 2005 11:44 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Antenna mounting??

> What are some ways of mounting an antenna on a a mountain bike?

On the luggage rack either directly or indirectly. I used the second methon
and have mine mounted to an aluiminum bar that is clamped to the supports of
my luggage rack.

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
www.erols.com/ramirault "Go Fly A Kite"

1016. ham radio and railscanning bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-15 18:04:55 UTC
From: ephesians2v4
Topic: 1016 Message: 1016

Oh, here's a link for high quality photos of my radio bike on Yahoo! My Photos.
I use it for amateur radio and for Railscanning, etc. 8-)
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1017. kc0ldt radio bike photos

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-15 17:36:45 UTC
From: ephesians2v4
Topic: 1017 Message: 1017

i finally after waiting all spring and summer have a new bike, my 1st name brand bike, and got some pics taken and finally developed. can't type much at moment cause of bad wasp sting on finger, so check my bio on www.qrz.com for kc0ldt.
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1018. Re: [BMHA] More wireless headset ponderings..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-16 03:37:38 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 926 Message: 1018

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From: Arnie Grubbs
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sat, Jun 11, 2005 20:00
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Arnie - KA0NCR

P.S.. kind of an interesting name for the website.. hope that it
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-16 14:40:57 UTC
From: ephesians2v4
Topic: 926 Message: 1019

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-17 03:11:13 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 926 Message: 1020

Hello Eric,

If you look at any telephone circuit, you have audio in (microphone) and audio out (earphone). The H/T also has the same signals plus PTT. This last one could be our frustration! VOX could be used, but other members have mentioned the wind noise, breathing, etc. causing false keying, so some other technique must be devised.

I envision using the base transmitter / receiver module to interface to the H/T and then use the handset transmitter / receiver connected to the Plantronics mic / earphone set with the phone radio circuit in a small belt-mounted case, along with the cordless phone battery. The base unit can be powered by the 2.1 AH camcorder battery. The base unit has a "Page" button. Too bad it isn't on the handset. Perhaps it could be used to activate the PTT.

Since so far, I only have $2 invested, I think I can come up with something that will work. I already reaped a 52mm photographic filter from the camcorder that will work very nicely on my Canon digital camera, so my investment has already paid for itself!

The radio unit inside the base unit has 12 leads coming out of it. I need to study the circuit board a bit in attempt to figure out the signals, power, etc. Then, the same will need be done with the handset. My phone is a GE model 2-6920B.

I am in the process of moving, so I figure this project will find some time long about winter, when cycling is only a wish and a dream. But, having all the goodies available means I can experiment and test without even coming close to my bike. How about this -- operating your base radio from your deck or patio and not having to drag along coaxes and power cords!

If you are interested, I'll keep you posted of my progress and stumbling.

73,
Harry G. Seyfert, WD9FYF

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http://blueangel-eric.tripod.com/

Ephesians 6:23 (New Living Translation)
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1021. Re: [BMHA] More wireless headset ponderings..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-17 09:22:37 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 926 Message: 1021

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Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2005 10:11 PM
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1022. wireless

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-17 20:40:46 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1022 Message: 1022

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-17 21:30:05 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1022 Message: 1023

I've seen similar items sold for use with motorcycles. Some
are about the same price as this Tandem Talk. I would
assume that the motorcycle ones have decent noise
filtering, since they are designed to be used at 70 mph on
top of a loud motorcycle.

Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On
Behalf Of Barry Bogart
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 4:41 PM
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1024. Re: [BMHA] More wireless headset ponderings..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-18 07:27:02 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 926 Message: 1024

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-18 17:00:25 UTC
From: September Brown
Topic: 926 Message: 1025

Your SW radio creation DOES sound very similar to what my son made. You're fortunate to grow up with your dad's occupation to help develop your radio and electronics knowledge base.

Get a tandem and have hubby be the stoker? Hmmm...now there's an interesting mental image: power play / difficulty giving up control. Not sure if I'm ready for THAT challenge yet. He's almost a foot taller than me, so it WOULD be easier to see. Perhaps we should look at one of those tandems that has a recumbent stoker position in front, and a traditional bicycle in the back. The captain can see over the stoker's head.

September

----- Original Message -----
From: Harry G. Seyfert

I find it so very interesting how some people have a "natural" talent for certain "subjects", even if they don't have any formal training in it.

Many years ago, I took a similar cordless microphone module (a kit version) and made an interface to connect it to the audio output of a short wave radio and the antenna connection to our fm/TV antenna. Then, when my dad and I would go on TV service calls, I could listen to the sw station on a portable fm radio by pointing the antenna towards that house. I was at the time studying political science and listening to the United Nations Security Council proceedings over WRUL. It worked over about a 5 mile radius.

If you can afford the cost, I believe the tandem is the best compromise. You be the captain and hubby be the stoker. Better power distribution on the chains. I would love to try a recumbent tandem (I call them chaise lounge bikes). I do have an old Schwinn Twin that I take out occasionally, but being a single speed, it is best for riding on table-flat ground!

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

1026. Wireless

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-08-21 04:08:41 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1026 Message: 1026

All the motorcycle versions I have seen have a mic
mount that attaches inside the helmet - won't work on
a bike helmet (I don't think).

73, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

Message: 2 1
Date: Wed, 17 Aug 2005 17:30:05 -0400
From: "Sam Smith" <kd4shk@...>
Subject: RE: wireless

I've seen similar items sold for use with motorcycles.
Some
are about the same price as this Tandem Talk. I would
assume that the motorcycle ones have decent noise
filtering, since they are designed to be used at 70
mph on
top of a loud motorcycle.

Sam

1027. Re: ham radio and railscanning bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-05 01:01:47 UTC
From: NF6E
Topic: 1016 Message: 1027

What a perfect hobby combo.

Very cool.

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1028. Re: [BMHA] Re: ham radio and railscanning bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-05 13:54:37 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1016 Message: 1028

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----- Original Message -----
From: NF6E
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 8:01 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: ham radio and railscanning bicycle

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1029. Bike Recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-05 14:32:26 UTC
From: Glen Reid
Topic: 1029 Message: 1029

This is more bike question than radio question, but I think some of you can help me.

Having been advised by my doctor to "GET MORE EXERCISE", we have concluded, due to some existing joint problems, a bike is an appropriate "vehicle". :-D
A radio could show up on it later, but that is not my primary concern right now.

I have had little bike experience in the past 50 years, so I am asking for advice on what to get.

This bike will hardly, if ever, get off the suburban streets around my house or parks roads in the area. I live in the Texas Hill Country so some gearing of the drive will be in order (do I really need 21 gears ratios?). The machine will need to be comfortable, some back problems will keep me in the "upright" position as opposed to the sitting riding style (recombinant?). "Comfortable" here means "able to accommodate my ample posterior".

Have looked at TREK and Specialized brands and find that bike have really changed since I was 10 years old. These are very light and complicated. I don't mind spending a "good" amount but I want to get what I need, not the one the salesman is getting the best commission on this week.

So, I need some general advice on good brands, and configurations for my needs. Please ask me questions if it will help in advising me.

BTW...I have a helmet, but I cannot see myself in Spandex.

Thanks.

73,

gr

GLEN REID
k5fx@...
Austin, Texas

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1030. Re: [BMHA] Bike Recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-05 16:29:38 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1029 Message: 1030

Hi Glen,

I don't think there is so much difference in bikes as there is bike dealers. After a number of years on a Bike Friday I bought a used Cannondale. But it probably could have been any popular brand, I suppose, had the dealer had something different on hand.

No, 21-speeds aren't a must. My BF has 14, and I pedaled it across Arizona and New Mexico summer before last. But your having not accumulated much experience in the last 50 years, will be glad, very glad, to have the deep gears until your legs stop screaming to go back home.

I turn 68 this month, and I pass few people on the streets and paths around Allen (I live north of you, just 27 miles north of Dallas), but being last doesn't dampen my fun. And if you wish to drive up this far I'll be glad to show you the Plano Cycling and Fitness Center, where is there is service after the sale. They have a lot of used stuff, plus a ton of new bikes.

I know you stated that you may never get out of your neighborhood. You may not. But I would advise you to set your sights high. There are seven or eight of us "older people" who are planning the ride of our lives this coming March, and you are invited. We could use another ham. And if you would like to be included in the ongoing discussion loop just say so, and I'll put your address in the book and all the messages will be echoed to you, and your participation is always welcome. Several of those in the group are approaching their mid-70s--fearless fossils, Jon, the Army Major calls us.

I'm in the process of trying to include an APRS station on my bike, as well as a 40-meter QRP CW rig. Power and weight are the ugly factors that keep getting in the way.

Let me hear from you, Glen.

Scott

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1031. A new bike seat

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-05 16:16:44 UTC
From: tyree_67
Topic: 1031 Message: 1031

Yesterday I was taking my daily ride. When I saw two men riding their mountain bikes with a new seat. I tried it and I loved it. They told me that they designed it, and they were taking pictures for the website. It will be on the market soon. One of the men told me he was wait on the shipment. Which should be soon he hoped. by the way I'm a large man 5'9'' and 270lbs. and the fit great the website is realseat.com

1032. Re: [BMHA] A new bike seat

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-05 16:41:38 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1031 Message: 1032

Thanks for the heads up

Best regards,
ScottnBarb
Lost in Texas

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Click here to donate to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.
http://store.yahoo.com/redcross-donate3/

1033. Re: [BMHA] Re: ham radio and railscanning bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-05 21:06:29 UTC
From: ephesians2v4
Topic: 1016 Message: 1033

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also should be in the files or photos section for this list also.

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1034. Re:Bike Recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-06 00:24:07 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 1029 Message: 1034

Glen,
Do a little reading on recumbents. They are the recommended bike for those with back ailments. I switched from the mountain bike to a Sun Bicycles EZ-Sport this year though I am by no means a bike nut. I simply found it more comfortable for my 5'11" x 270 pound frame. Mine is a long wheel base (LWB) bike with standard handle bars.

The recumbent does require use of a completely different set of muscles, and this takes some getting used to, but it does not wear on the back. As one rider said, "You may be tired after a long ride on a recumbent, but you won't be sore.

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Len Revelle N9IJ
"My career goal is to retire"

1035. Re: [BMHA] Re: ham radio and railscanning bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-06 00:53:28 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1016 Message: 1035

Hey, now it works.

Thanks.

That bible stuff must have worked.

----- Original Message -----
From: ephesians2v4
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2005 4:06 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: ham radio and railscanning bicycle

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1036. Re: [BMHA] Re:Bike Recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-06 00:53:27 UTC
From: Glen Reid
Topic: 1029 Message: 1036

Thanks, Len. I will look into them.

gr

At 07:24 PM 9/5/2005, you wrote:
>Glen,
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>those with back ailments. I switched from the mountain bike to a Sun
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1037. RE: [BMHA] Re:Bike Recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-06 01:43:00 UTC
From: kc0pah
Topic: 1029 Message: 1037

I have a Sun Easy--1-SC recumbent it is same basic recumbent as the EZ Sport with a small rear wheel, details on all their models is available at http://www.easyracers.com I found one on E-BAY cheap. The bike is easier to ride than most recumbents and has been very comfortable with no back pain or problems. I also am a good size guy, 6 ft 265lb, and the only change I made to the bike was a set of pedal spacers to increase the width of the crank set. This is a change I would suggest to anyone of a larger size to prevent knee problems that a set of cranks that are too narrow for your hip and leg dimensions may cause.
I have a 2 meter / 440 antenna on the back, it was very easy to mount in the back of the seat rails.
There is also lots of room behind the seat for a small motorcycle battery and 30 watt amp for my hand held a TH-F6A the system works very well and is a pleasure to ride.

Mike
kc0pah

1038. re: bike recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-06 13:47:53 UTC
From: Redding, Walt
Topic: 1038 Message: 1038

I'll chime in and agree with the recommendation to look into recumbents. Look at recumbent trikes as well. More expensive, but well worth it in my opinion. One added benefit of riding 'bents: you don't have to wear the padded lycra/spandex shorts to stay on the bike for any length of time.
Walt kj5zf
Fort Worth, TX

So, I need some general advice on good brands, and configurations for my needs. Please ask me questions if it will help in advising me.

BTW...I have a helmet, but I cannot see myself in Spandex.

Thanks.

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1039. Re: [BMHA] re: bike recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-07 13:01:46 UTC
From: Glen Reid
Topic: 1038 Message: 1039

Thank, Walt. I'll do that.

gr

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1040. Re: [BMHA] re: bike recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-08 03:08:58 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 1038 Message: 1040

Redding, Walt wrote:

> One added benefit of riding 'bents: you don't have to wear
> the padded lycra/spandex shorts

I'll second that! Got a 'bent last year and love it, although I also love the peace and serenity riding the rolling hills of NW Illinois enough that I seldom put the FT-817 and Hamstick on! Find a dealer specializing in recumbents and take a few test rides, there are big differences between the long and short wheelbase models, and you'll probably find something in the longer size more to your liking, and easier to make the transition from an upright. Twenty mile rides are a breeze, even after a 40 mile ride like I did on Monday you're just tired, not in pain With all due respect to all the upright riders out there, sitting on my RANS is like sitting on a lawn chair, and you can wear whatever you like!

The other option you should consider is a "Comfort bike" which is styled more like the bikes we knew as kids, and as the name implies, are good choices for many folks. Try both!

73, Bob W9RAN

1041. RE: [BMHA] re:Recumbant for trade

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-08 23:24:02 UTC
From: Rev. Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 1038 Message: 1041

I have a Rans rocket recumbent (square tube frame) I am looking to trade for a small HF rig with as many bands and modes possible. Anyone interested in a trade? I am in Cortez, Colorado KD5LWU

Rev. Deacon (Transitional) Johnny L. Shepherd O.C.S.T.
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Leave the rest to God.

1042. QRP Island Event Notice - 25th Sept - Maple Island, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-09 16:35:25 UTC
From: Martin Gillen
Topic: 1042 Message: 1042

Hello.

Full information about this upcoming event can be
found at the following website:

http://www.sunim.plus.com/maple/index.html

WHEN: Sunday 25th September 2005 - 10am to 5pm.
WHERE: Maple Island, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
FREQUENCIES: HF SSB - 3.815MHz, 7.260MHz, 14.260MHz
HF CW - 7.026MHz, 14.026MHz
VHF - 50.125MHz, 144.2MHz, 146.520MHz
CALLSIGNS: VA3QV, VA3SIE
POWER: QRP, <5W
ANTENNAS: Low delta loop, random wires.

Synopsis:

"We will operating two QRP stations from Maple Island
to activate it for the Canadian Island Award Program.
We will be packing all our equipment in on bikes, so
we will be using light field antennas and QRP power
levels. We are hoping for between 25 to 50 contacts
with amateurs from as many different countries as
possible. Please check the website shortly before
the event for any breaking news"

1043. Re: [BMHA] Dropping the code requirements for hf?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-09-17 21:03:07 UTC
From: Ms. Jamie C.
Topic: 990 Message: 1043

On 7/21/05, Jim H <bikindad@...> wrote:
> Does anyone think that manufacturers would stop including the mode
> in their equipment designs if it were no longer required? I think they
> would take it out. Hopefully I'm wrong about that.

They won't be removing CW from the rigs anytime soon. It's trivial to add to an SSB rig, and it's likely that the majority of people on HF use it at least occasionally.

Even if nobody used it, it would still be there because the perceived value of a radio is directly proportional to the number of listed features on the advertising material...

And even if an SSB rig was sold without CW, it wouldn't be on the market five minutes before someone hooked up a code oscillator to the microphone jack.

1044. First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-03 22:24:49 UTC
From: hornet133
Topic: 1044 Message: 1044

i would like to know what a good homebrew antenna for a
full-suspention mountian bike for 2 meters and i can have a
jury-rigged rack that i can use.

thanks in advance,

Daniel KC9FJB, 73's

1045. Re: [BMHA] First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-04 17:44:55 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 1044 Message: 1045

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Jim
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1046. RE: [BMHA] First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-05 00:30:26 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 1044 Message: 1046

Here you go! http://www.qsl.net/wx2nj/

I've built several of them. I did make a modification to the mounting so I could still put a bag on the tail-rack. I used a piece of aluminum traffic sign to extend back a few more inches past the back edge and mount the "duck" on that.

Jack KE4LWT
-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Jim H
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 12:45 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] First antenna for bike

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1047. Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-05 20:08:29 UTC
From: hornet133
Topic: 1044 Message: 1047

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1048. Re: [BMHA] re: bike recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-05 23:08:09 UTC
From: Joe Martin
Topic: 1038 Message: 1048

Redding, Walt wrote:

>I'll chime in and agree with the recommendation to look into recumbents.
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1049. Re: [BMHA] re: bike recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-05 23:33:39 UTC
From: EricJ
Topic: 1038 Message: 1049

I ride both a mountain bike and a recumbent (RANS V2).
I commuted 20 miles round trip on the V2 for 4 years,
something I never would have survived on the mtn bike.
The V2 is fast, comfortable and the front fairing
offers some protection from the elements and bugs.

I haven't mounted a rig on it yet, but I hope to this
fall and winter (Summer is too hot to ride for
pleasure here). Probably my KX1 with a Hamstick on the
back.

BTW, there are some great riding shorts made for mtn
bikers, but well suited to 'bent riders. They have a
loose fitting stylish shell on the outside with lots
of pockets, and a lycra bike short inside. The first
time a bee flies up the leg of your shorts, you'll
appreciate the advantage of tight fitting leg bands.
This is more common than you might think given the
riding position on a 'bent. They just look like
regular cargo style shorts so you don't have to look
like you're smuggling fruit when you walk around in
public with them.

Eric
KE6US
www.ke6us.com

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1050. New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-05 16:20:41 UTC
From: Ron
Topic: 963 Message: 1050

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I have entertained mounting the radio and antenna in a camelback sheath, using a headset and handlebar-mounted PTT box.

Any suggestions welcome.

Ron
K0NEO

1051. Re: [BMHA] re: bike recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-06 00:54:34 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1038 Message: 1051

Joe/Walt,

When/where do you ride?

I just moved from Euless to Arlington 2 years ago.

Put in 39 yesterday west of Mansfield on a "wedgie."

Bill
w8hi

----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Martin
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 6:08 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] re: bike recommendations

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1052. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-06 01:05:44 UTC
From: jman
Topic: 963 Message: 1052

Ron wrote:

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> I just got a used mountain bike and intend to use my FT-817 for bike
> mobile operations. As always, the antenna system is the biggest issue
> to overcome. The bike has no luggage rack, but I imagine I'll invest
> in one.

Welcome Ron, say I found the one I put on my bike at Target, it's very
well made has lost of mounting hardware and is spring clamp type for
under $15.
Good luck,
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1053. Re: [BMHA] re: bike recommendations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-06 01:14:12 UTC
From: jman
Topic: 1038 Message: 1053

Bill Sharp wrote:

> Joe/Walt,

Hey Bill howdy, I ride mostly in Arlington's River Legacy Park Trails
just off Green OAKs Blvd/Cooper St. I think tomorrow I'll take the day
off :-D but it should be great riding weather Friday. Also I have a
little group that gathers there at the Cooper St first parking lot on
Sunday morning at 10AM your welcome to come join us. We don't ride fast
because of the pedestrians plus we try to recruit folks that haven't
ridden in a while so we take it easy on them :-D
you can also reach me on my cell 817-301-0158 if you want to do a day
time ride.
73 de KM5CW Joe

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1054. RE: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-06 17:52:11 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1044 Message: 1054

The advantage to the ¼ wave is its simplicity and it□s relatively small size. The disadvantage is it requires a ground plane, something difficult to achieve on a bike.

Sam

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of hornet133
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 4:08 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1055. Re: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-06 17:58:40 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1044 Message: 1055

Last I heard .. dipoles don't require ground planes ;-)

Richard Amirault N1JDU
Boston, MA, USA Go Fly A Kite
----- Original Message -----
From: "Sam Smith"
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

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1056. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-06 19:07:53 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 963 Message: 1056

Hi Ron,
Welcome to the world of biking and radioing, its a blast.
Thats an interesting idea about the camelback, but seems like it could wear on your back on long rides.
I have the radio and battery in a rack pack with a harness coming from the radio to a stationary jack on the bike. When I get on the bike, my headset plugs into thos stationary jacks and connects me and the ptt to the radio. It works well except for this coiled cord hanging off my side when I am off the bike. But it keeps the weight of everything on the bike and not on me.
I have enough coil too that if I need to stand on the pedals, the cord moves with me.
Just another option.
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1057. RE: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-06 19:40:56 UTC
From: Jonathan Cullifer W4CGP
Topic: 1044 Message: 1057

I have actually found that a 5/8 wave antenna works decently well on a bicycle if it is mounted on a metal rack. Base loaded half-waves don't require a ground plane but they can be finicky and don't offer much gain (not that you need much, but it is a matter of personal opinion).

Jonathan W4CGP

On Thu, 2005-10-06 at 13:52, Sam Smith wrote:

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1058. Re: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-06 20:46:58 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1044 Message: 1058

Hello everyone,

Just for informational purposes, we, the bicycle mobile ham force that supports GOBA, the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure, tested various antennas in the late 90's for bicycle mobile use so that we could standardize on a particular design.

We did this for practical purposes. We wanted as much gain, of course, as possible, but as important, we wanted to be able to have a stock of replacement parts so as to keep everyone up and running during the course of this 3,000 rider, week long tour.

We were fortunate to be able to work with Hartley as well as the technical staff at Larsen on this issue, before they were bought out.

The solution we all of us agreed on is the half-wave rather than the 5/8 wave. In fact, when properly fed it performed better in tests with field strength meters we use to determine the various radiaton patterns generated from a bicycle mounting. The 5/8 wave is the antenna of choice for our ambulances, cars and trucks as they have huge ground planes when the antenna is mounted in the center of the roof of the vehicle.

The secret is that the feedline for the half-wave needs to be an odd multiple of a quarter wavelength of the frequency used for transmitting. That provides the other half of the antenna, electrically. Our arbitrary frequency, since we use somewhere between 5 and 10 different frequencies each year, is 146.000 MHz.

To that end, Larsen makes, or will make for you if you ask, a GBR-1 and a GBR-2. The 1 feedline is three-quarter wavelength's on 2 meters and the 2, more for tandems and long feedline applications like a 'bent is five-quarter wave lengths long.

We keep a supply of the GBR-1's. It has a stress relief sleeve at the BNC connector end (lower loss than a PL-259) and is connected at the other end with an NMO mount.

Details of the mounting plate, which is again, specific for our application, can be found in the May, 1998 issue of CQ-VHF. A copy of that article with a template, is accessable from the BMHA website. We designed this so that it could be mounted and disassembled with a minimum of effort and could be used with any bike that has a saddle.

I hope this is of some help for those who would like something professionally made and works right out of the box or has an application like ours.

My best to you all,

Bill
w8hi

P.S. We also carry what today is called a stinger which is no more than a 1/4 wave-length of wire attached at the base of the quarter wave hand held antenna. It just dangles. We use a solder post that was often found around the collar or neck of volume controls or variable resisters used to ground one side of the resister. It slips right over the female BNC. It

often makes the difference between getting out and not, and in our business of calling in a squad for an accident, we have to get through on minimally available power.

We use BNC to SMA adaptors with our handhelds as SMA's are just too fragile for our applications.

B.
----- Original Message -----
From: Jonathan Cullifer W4CGP
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2005 2:40 PM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

I have actually found that a 5/8 wave antenna works decently well on a bicycle if it is mounted on a metal rack. Base loaded half-waves don't require a ground plane but they can be finicky and don't offer much gain (not that you need much, but it is a matter of personal opinion).

Jonathan W4CGP

On Thu, 2005-10-06 at 13:52, Sam Smith wrote:

> The advantage to the ¼ wave is its simplicity and it□s
> relatively small size. The disadvantage is it requires a
> ground plane, something difficult to achieve on a bike.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On
> Behalf Of hornet133
> Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 4:08 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike
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1059. Re: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-07 06:30:32 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 1044 Message: 1059

A 1/4 wave dipole will not load at 50 Ohms impedance into your radio.
You need a 1/2 wave dipole.

Harry Seyfert, WD9FYF

Richard Amirault wrote:

> Last I heard .. dipoles don't require ground planes ;-)
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> Richard Amirault N1JDU
> Boston, MA, USA Go Fly A Kite
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Sam Smith"
> Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike
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1060. RE: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-07 07:15:44 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1044 Message: 1060

Hmmm, guess I should have read a little more closely (didn☐t see the ☐dipole☐ part). You are correct; a dipole wouldn☐t need a ground plane. I was thinking a regular quarter wave vertical. Thanks for the correction.

Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Richard Amirault
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2005 1:59 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

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Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

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1061. Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-07 07:33:32 UTC
From: Darren
Topic: 1044 Message: 1061

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Sam Smith" <kd4shk@a...> wrote:
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> Hmmm, guess I should have read a little more closely (didn't
> see the "dipole" part). You are correct; a dipole wouldn't
> need a ground plane. I was thinking a regular quarter wave
> vertical. Thanks for the correction.

I use a commecial half wave on my bike. Half waves are fairly
independant of ground. I put out a great signal on 2M with my halfwave.

1/2 waves can be a bit difficult to make though due to the matching
system, but they are cheap enough to buy :)

In fact mine is dual band, a Watson W-770HB. A GREAT antenna!

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
http://www.mw5hoc.4t.com

1062. Re: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-10-16 03:03:17 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 1044 Message: 1062

Are you using a 1/4 wave dipole (~ 19" total length) or 1/2 wave (~ 38" in length)? Like I mentioned earlier, a 1/4 wave dipole would be too short and would not present a 50 Ohm load to the transmitter, whereas the 1/2 wave would make everyone happy!

Harry, WD9FFY@...
----- Original Message -----
From: hornet133
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 15:08
Subject: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

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take more time to make it out of aluminum rods but for now it works.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jack Smith" <jack.smith2@u...> wrote:
> Here you go! http://www.qsl.net/wx2nj/
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> I've built several of them. I did make a modification to the
mounting so I
> could still put a bag on the tail-rack. I used a piece of aluminum
traffic
> sign to extend back a few more inches past the back edge and mount the
> "duck" on that.
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> Jack KE4LWT
> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf
Of Jim H
> Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 12:45 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: Re: [BMHA] First antenna for bike
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> the Jurassic Duck works really well. I don't have the link handy, but
> search it and there will be a few hits to the site. I built one a
few years
> ago and it worked very well. Its pretty beafy too.
> Jim
> wb4ofm
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> hornet133 <hornet133@y...> wrote:
> i would like to know what a good homebrew antenna for a
> full-suspention mountian bike for 2 meters and i can have a
> jury-rigged rack that i can use.

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> thanks in advance,
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> Daniel KC9FJB, 73's
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1063. Limit on riders on tours in CO

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-11-30 17:59:54 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1063 Message: 1063

Hello Everyone,

"The Colorado State Patrol has added an alarming new policy banning the biggest bicycle events in Colorado! Their new policy limits bicycle and triathlon events to 2,500 riders, but this limit can be lowered at any time putting every event at risk. Bicycle tours, races, charity rides, group rides, and triathlons are all affected."

- From Bicycle Colorado

See the details at:

http://bicyclecolo.org/site/page.cfm?PageID=651

As a follow-up let me provide this information to those of you who have unlimited US telephone calling.

Contact Chief Mark Trostel

Email via his assistant: marc.morelli@...

Call: 303-239-4403

Fax a Letter: 303-239-4481

I just spoke with Marc and after a short conversation transferred me to the public affairs sargeant's voice mail. I asked for any statistical information on increased safety that would result from limiting the size of rides or tours.

According to other public officials, a quick, polite call to Marc might be more effective, followed by an e-mail and then signing a petition with all three being the best. It only takes a couple of minutes.

Colorado depends in large degree on tourism to fuel their economy. Getting calls and e-mails as well as the petition, particularly from out-of-staters, I think, would be effective.

Thanks,

Bill

w8hi

Assistant Communications Director

The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure

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1064. Merry Christmas to all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-12-02 12:55:20 UTC
From: Joe Martin
Topic: 1064 Message: 1064

I hope all have a great holiday season, I just took care of my personal gift to myself :D Locally we have a great program involving the Bikes for Tykes program which is run by Pete Cox of our Fort Worth Bicycle Association.While visiting the other day, I saw a nice Cannondale Pepperoni MTB hiding ion a back corner that I asked him about. Because of my short inseam it's hard to find vintage rides (which are my favorite) and this made in America Emerald beauty was a 26" wheelbase with a new GEL Cloud-9 saddle fit me like a glove. Needless to say I gave a nice donation to the B for T program (they don't sell, you provide your best donation instead) took my new ride home and quickly replaced the old dried out tires with the new one Pete threw into the deal and after some effort pried off the stuck like glue pedals and replaced with some of my favorite spds. This will be a great bike for bike mobile work, especially for a lot of our local club events. I added a back rack, and lights and mirror and cleaned up the old rusty chain. this choice bike has been out of circulation for a while and from the ID it came from La some time back before the floods.

I hope you all find a favorite bike and do some riding when you can get out this Christmas Season. I'll post some photos in my folder and once I come up with a good mounting system for my 20 watt halogen light I'll let you know.

73 de KM5CW Joe

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1065. Re: [BMHA] Merry Christmas to all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-12-02 22:19:31 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1064 Message: 1065

Hi Joe,

What a great story!

I live not too far from you--Allen. A few months ago
I visited Plano Cycling and Fitness, and found a nice
Cannondale with 700 rubber.

Only an hour ago I finished a 12-mile ride on some
quiet streets. Autumn is always a fun time for
cycling.

72 de Scott

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Start your day with Yahoo! - Make it your home page!
http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

1066. Re: [BMHA] Merry Christmas to all

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-12-02 23:35:35 UTC
From: jman
Topic: 1064 Message: 1066

I was very impressed with the workmanship of my Cannondale Pepperoni. It had what I call "storage dirt and grime on it and the old dry rotted mud tires when I rolled it out of the warehouse Pete has his little shop in. The chrom-molly frame and light weight were the first things that impressed me, that meant I could add more toys and still have less weight :D When I finished cleaning it up at the house and replacing the old tires with the new Cheng Shin City Classic 40-559's the Pepperoni started showing real promise. I added an extra rack i had and Car eye Micro Wireless I had laying around plus running lights, cleaned up the old chain lube er up and today I took it to the park to play :)
Believe it or not I was THE only bike in the park this mid morning. It took a few trys adjusting the seat but i finally got it right in that "sweat spot", and all along the shifting was silky smooth and the machine mad no noise at all, no rattles or rubbing anywhere. It was like gliding on an invisible magic carpet. I have owned a few very nice rides in the past and in quality, precision and workmanship and engineering I would put the Cannondale at the top of the list. Not because I just bought it for practically nothing :D (the guilty feeling will pass :D) but I am a perfectionist and I am blown away by this bike.
I put 17.5 miles on before I knew it and had to leave to tend to real world stuff . Can't hardly wait till I get a chance to ride again, that is the neat thing about our passions for radio and bikes. we can slip out of the reality world for a few moments to gather ourselves and be better prepared for the challenges ahead of us.
Happy trails,
Joe/Ft.Worth
ps I have added a few shots and Have a couple I took on the road to share today

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http://km5cw.org follow the adventure

1067. Antenna Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-12-14 19:18:52 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1067 Message: 1067

My good friend, K8ZDA just sent this site to me:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/B0007M4L0G/sr=1-2/qid=1134

It's the first time in several years that we've seen a functional antenna mount that can be used on GOBA, The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA.com).

We have standardized on Larsen 1/2 waves with a measured feed line tied to a BNC (better conductivity) and an NMO mount. The entire system can be replicated and replaced when a bicycle mobile ham needs it. We carry spares of everything for backup.

Until now, everyone's been pretty much on thier own if they didn't get in on the Minoura water bottle mount that was available in the '80'.s

This looks like a worthy replacement.

Best,

Bill
w8hi
Ass't Communications Director
GOBA

1068. MERRY CHRISTMAS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2005-12-25 23:32:39 UTC
From: ephesians2v4
Topic: 1068 Message: 1068

Merry Christmas friends and listmembers.
check out our christmas lights i've been working hard on.
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and my some of my BNSF Christmas train photos from the Emporia Christmas
showing, 12-2000, on the route the train took. it was eastbound with
next stop at Osage city and Topeka KS for the next overnight stay. It
was in Emporia overnight before that. it plays music and has lots of
lights. one of a kind experience and of a lifetime as BNSF doesn't do
this anymore. that was the last time. it was a BN tradition in the
past before the merger.
http://blueangel-eric.rrpicturearchives.net/archivethumbs.aspx?id=8670

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with the Love of Jesus,
Eric Burris
Ham callsign: KC0LDT
Website: Eric's World of Trains, Radio, and Christian things
http://blueangel-eric.tripod.com/

* The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
* We don't change the Message, the Message changes us.
* The bible is the Word of God, that is our instruction manuel for life.

1069. Happy New Year

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-01-02 19:20:19 UTC
From: Ryan Mc Carthy
Topic: 1069 Message: 1069

I just wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.
Ryan

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1070. Bikindad

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-01-05 14:44:49 UTC
From: fire5man
Topic: 1070 Message: 1070

Does any on know what head set you see in this folder?

Bikindad
formerly wb4ofm folder

Looks slick.

KB3LZV

1071. Re: [BMHA] Bikindad

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-01-05 15:46:08 UTC
From: Jim H
Topic: 1070 Message: 1071

Hello,
It is made by Pryme. There are some cheaper versions also made by workman and I have those also and they seem to work ok. I will see if I can find an actual model number, but you can probably find it on the Pryme website.
Jim
wb4ofm

fire5man <mahunt@...> wrote:
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1072. Ride the Rockies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-06 01:46:47 UTC
From: Bud Talbot
Topic: 1072 Message: 1072

Anybody planning on doing Ride the Rockies this year? They announced the route today and it looks great. We'll put in again (we got selected last year) so I hope we get accepted. I've now got a garmin foretrex 201 mounted on the stem so I'm considering taking the D7 and doing some APRS during the ride.

Regards,
Bud
KB9WVG

1073. RE: [BMHA] Digest Number 421

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-06 15:26:32 UTC
From: Bruce Thompson
Topic: 1073 Message: 1073

Not planning on going this year but I've ridden the route many times. Durango is always wonderful and Pagosa Springs is great because there is a creek that feels wonderful on the legs after the ride. Ahhhh... Many great memories about that day. Next day is quite a climb though.

I'm not a big fan of going through Alamosa. Too flat and borring. Last time I did it, some guy spaced out riding and rode right over the back of a motorcycle cop. Just wasn't paying attention. Also have memories of tents not staked down well rolling across the the ball field like tumble weeds!

Hey, but I'm sure you'll have a great time!

Bruce KG0SH
Golden, CO

P.S. Never taken a radio with me on these trips since the climbs are so hard but it sure would have been nice heading over the flats.

> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]
> Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 6:27 AM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 421
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> There is 1 message in this issue.
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> 1. Ride the Rockies
> From: "Bud Talbot" <kb9wvg@...>
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> Date: Mon, 06 Feb 2006 01:46:47 -0000
> From: "Bud Talbot" <kb9wvg@...>
> Subject: Ride the Rockies
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1074. Re: [BMHA] Ride the Rockies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-07 03:23:00 UTC
From: john morgan
Topic: 1072 Message: 1074

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1075. Re: Ride the Rockies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-07 21:23:01 UTC
From: Bud Talbot
Topic: 1072 Message: 1075

CHeck out the ride website:

http://www.ridetherockies.com/default.asp

Last year we had a blast. I didn't take a radio, but thought I would this year if other hams are going. The D7 would fit in my camelback or a jersey pocket.

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1076. HF Rig For My Sun USX3 Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-08 23:08:37 UTC
From: jimandrews49
Topic: 1076 Message: 1076

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1077. Re: HF Rig For My Sun USX3 Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-09 21:53:07 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1076 Message: 1077

Jim, I have been looking at the Sun lineup of Treks.
I wonder if you could tell me your thoughts on the EZ-TAD vers the EZ3-USX?
I have seen the EZ3-USX in person at a local bicycle shop (That now has gone out of business - rats).

There is a rails to trail being built to connect Pittsburgh to Washington DC and I live right at midway. (Cumberland, MD) http://www.ahtmtrail.org is the website. You will see how nice and smooth\level the trail is and will be.

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73s de KB3FN - Lynn - ldehart@...

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1078. Re: HF Rig For My Sun USX3 Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-09 17:28:25 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1076 Message: 1078

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1079. Re: HF Rig For My Sun USX3 Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-22 16:54:08 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1076 Message: 1079

While, I test rode both the USX and the Sun tadpole, I finally chose a different brand of bike.

My observations:

EX3-USX
1) Neat looking bike. Somewhat heavy (I believe it is around 60 lbs). Easy to adjust (two clamps on seat and then the lock pins in the rear support posts. Limited gearing. More graceful to mount and dismount.

2) Sun tadpole. Somewhat quicker. Lower to ground = better turning stability. Sizing adjustment by sliding the boom in and out. Not difficult, but not as friendly as the USX. This is only important if you anticipate multiple people using the vehicle. About the same turning radius as the USX. Feet elevated compared to USX. Somewhat heavy compared to other trikes.

Depending on how you can access the trail, transportation might be a consideration for either choice.

Safety note: on almost any tadpole design trike I consider clip-in shoes and pedels a safety necessity. With you feet elevated, it is very easy for you to lose your footing on the pedals when you hit a bump. This could result in your leg being pined on the road and you running over your leg with the crossbar (ouch!!!).

I purchased a tadpole style trike and do not regret it. Once clipped in, I don't have to unclip until I get to my destination. It's quick, and similiar to driving a go-cart. You get a whole new perspective when your posterior

One other consideration - tadpoles don't have a lot of space for radios - unless you get creative.

Most of all, test ride, test ride, and then test ride. The bike will pick you.

John
K9JAD

1080. Re: [BMHA] Re: HF Rig For My Sun USX3 Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-02-23 14:22:20 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1076 Message: 1080

John,

I suppose I should have looked closer at a recumbent the last time I went shopping. But old dogs are slow to learn.

Everything here is diamond--a Burley Samba, Cannondale single, and a Bike Friday (if you can call a Friday a diamond).

My VHF uses an old 5/8 that has died an honorable death several times. This time I discarded the cover and the magnet portion and bolted it to the end cap of a section of 1/2" PVC and fastened that to a front pannier rack on the Cannondale. I grounded it on the bolt that holds the water bottle. The standing waves won't go below 1:1.2, but it seems good enough.

I put my HF in a trailer I built from the frame and wheels of a Bike Friday trailer. Using the smallest Rubbermaid Action Packer, I am able to provide a water proof place for the radio, a MFJ-9420. For an antenna I used an antenna bracket fabricated for the west coast mirrors on a semi, and fastened it to the trailer tongue. A MFJ 20-meter stick fits the same thread that the CB antenna used.

It's not as nice as some I've seen, but it works.

73 de Scott somewhere in Texas

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1081. RE: [BMHA] Ride the Rockies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-04 17:28:07 UTC
From: tedb@techkc.com
Topic: 1072 Message: 1081

Foretresx 201? How do you like it so far....we are considering the 305 Cycle GPS/CAD/HRM/CYCLO-COMPUTER
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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bud Talbot
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 7:47 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Ride the Rockies

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1082. Re: [BMHA] Ride the Rockies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-09 23:41:43 UTC
From: Len
Topic: 1072 Message: 1082

tedb@... wrote:
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map as well.

1083. HF Bike Mobile Re: HF Rig For My Sun USX3 Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-10 13:45:40 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 1076 Message: 1083

> Jim W8JWA wrote:
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Recommend...
Transceiver: Yaesu FT-817 (HF/VHF/UHF)
Amp: HFPacker Amp (35W) http://hfprojects.com/
Battery: 14V at 10AH NiMH or Li Ion http://batterspace.com/
Antenna: Superantennas MP1 Antenna http://superantennas.com/
Headset: Modify FT-817 mic for cellular headset jack.

For more info on nets and skeds with other HF /BM operators:
http://hfpack.com/

73---Bonnie KQ6XA
http://hflink.com/hfpack/moderators#kq6xa

1084. RE: [BMHA] Ride the Rockies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-12 02:20:30 UTC
From: tedb@techkc.com
Topic: 1072 Message: 1084

Thanks for the input. I have just about talked myself out of the 305 due to the L-ion rechargeable battery.
it not user changeable only good for 12 hours, and many of my rides are weekenders.
I haven't yet been able to surmise weather it has an external power jack which might calm my nerves a little.
Thanks again.
Ted

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Len
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 5:42 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Ride the Rockies

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1085. 14.4 Volt battery for the storage pack (comfort bike)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-12 02:09:51 UTC
From: earicci
Topic: 1085 Message: 1085

Good Evening Folks:

Last year there was a thread about a company that sold 14.4 volt sealed batteries ideally suited for the bike rack packs. I searched the forum and could not locate it.

It was something like batteryspace.com or similar. Does anyone know the firm?

Spring is about to sprung here in Minnesota. This is the first year I can take my bike out for bicycle portable. I am looking for a suitable 7 ampH source for a little CW with my IC706MK2G and end fed.

Thanks,

Eliot WB2S

1086. mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-13 22:14:09 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1086 Message: 1086

We'll be using a Tokyo Hypower HT-750 (2/3w, 6/15/40) with a Comet UHV-6 vertical when we ride to Nova Scotia after FDIM. We have a tandem with a BOB Yak trailer and hope that will be enough of a counterpoise.... (but will carry a wire dipole as well).

72, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX
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1087. Re: [BMHA] mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-13 23:25:22 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1086 Message: 1087

Barry,

Have you considered building a UHF J-Pole from 300 ohm
television lead? You could put connectors on your
dipole and J and use the same lead for both. Yarding
a J into a tree would give you some more range.

We'll have your ear to the grould. Keep us posted.

73 de Scott in Texas

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Best regards,

ScottnBarb

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1088. Hello, looking at Ram mounts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-14 04:15:26 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1088 Message: 1088

Hello. I'm new here, but have been cycling and hamming for a few years now. Last year I started running APRS using my TH-d7 and a Garmin Vista, but never had much luck getting out. This year I decided to go all out and get a better setup. So far I put a Diamond NR-770 on my rear rack, with a Diamond HRKS mount that has a few feet of RG-316 terminated in an SMA connector. I'm going to use a 12VDC battery I picked up at a hamfest to power the electronics, including the lights when I have them mounted. Early tests show a lot of improvement hitting digipeaters, and greatly enhanced audio on voice.

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4) Get a Ram mount (http://www.ram-mount.com/)

Has anyone delt with Ram before? Just looking at their website, it seems like they have a mount for just about everything, but I wonder how forgiving they will be if I pick out the wrong parts.

1089. RE: [BMHA] Hello, looking at Ram mounts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-15 02:25:52 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1088 Message: 1089

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Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of n3kqx
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2006 11:15 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1090. Re: [BMHA] Hello, looking at Ram mounts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-15 02:48:33 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1088 Message: 1090

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Subject: RE: [BMHA] Hello, looking at Ram mounts

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GPS units are built rugged .. they can stand the vibration .. MOST HT's
aren't .. personally, I would not mount my radio hard to my bike.

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
n1jdu.org "Go Fly A Kite"

1091. D7 mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-15 19:16:14 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1091 Message: 1091

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73, Barry
VE7VIE/KD7IGX

> Message: 1
> Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2006 04:15:26 -0000
> From: "n3kqx" <n3kqx@...>
> Subject: Hello, looking at Ram mounts
>
> Hello. I'm new here, but have been cycling and
> hamming for a few years
> now. Last year I started running APRS using my TH-d7
> and a Garmin
> Vista, but never had much luck getting out. This
> year I decided to go
> all out and get a better setup. So far I put a
> Diamond NR-770 on my
> rear rack, with a Diamond HRKS mount that has a few
> feet of RG-316
> terminated in an SMA connector. I'm going to use a
> 12VDC battery I
> picked up at a hamfest to power the electronics,
> including the lights
> when I have them mounted. Early tests show a lot of
> improvement
> hitting digipeaters, and greatly enhanced audio on
> voice.
>
> However, I've been putting the radio in the trunk
> bag until I can get
> a good safe handlebar mount. I really don't want to

> bounce the radio
> around (there are a lot of bad roads I need to
> navagate), but I would
> also like to see the display and not have to deal
> with the speakermic
> pulling off my jersey all the time. I've been
> looking at several options:
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> 1) get a light mount and glue it on to the battery
> somehow
> 2) tear apart an old battery and use it to mount the
> bike to the
> handlebars somehow
> 3) find a suitable case and somehow attach it to the
> handlebars
> 4) Get a Ram mount (http://www.ram-mount.com/)
>
> Has anyone delt with Ram before? Just looking at
> their website, it
> seems like they have a mount for just about
> everything, but I wonder
> how forgiving they will be if I pick out the wrong
> parts.
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1092. RE: D7 mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-16 15:04:42 UTC
From: Redding, Walter
Topic: 1091 Message: 1092

BTW all the stock Garmin GPS handlebar mounts are
crap! I have had both the eTrex and Rino versions
break in half, dropping the GPS to the pavement.

Ditto on the Magellan mounts. The mount as designed won't hold my
Explorist on bumpy roads and I've had very little luck using heavy duty
Velcro to secure it. Now I use a rubber band in addition to the Velcro.
At least the rubber band keeps the unit from crashing to the ground, but
still doesn't keep it in the mount like it is supposed to be. I've
thought about using nylon wire ties but then I'd have to cut them every
time I need to change batteries. What a pain...
Walt kj5zf

1093. Re: [BMHA] RE: D7 mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-16 18:26:19 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1091 Message: 1093

Hi Walter,

I'm not experienced in the problems you've described,
so my suggestion may be no better. But I'll offer it
anyway.

Many outdoor stores like REI have bulk elastic cord
like that used for bungee cords. Maybe you could
fabricate a custom bungee cord with the little plastic
clips similar to those used on a fanny pack.

Whatever you try, I hope it works better than what you
supposed would do the job. I'd certainly give those
people a piece of my mind.

73 de Scott

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1094. Re: Hello, looking at Ram mounts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-18 13:37:58 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1088 Message: 1094

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Richard Amirault" <ramirault@...> wrote:
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Sam Smith"
> Subject: RE: [BMHA] Hello, looking at Ram mounts
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>
> > I've got several RAM mounts - they work great. I use them
> > to mount a GPS on my bike (pedal powered) and on my
> > motorcycle, as well as a suction cup windshield mount for my
> > truck. RAM does make a mount specifically for the TH-D&
> > radio, so it'll be fairly easy to mount the radio on your
> > handlebars where you can see the display. Realistically
> > though, the radio's display is kinda small, so I wouldn't
> > expect to see it reliably while you're pedaling.
>
> GPS units are built rugged .. they can stand the vibration .. MOST HT's
> aren't .. personally, I would not mount my radio hard to my bike.
>
> Richard Amirault N1JDU
Boston,
> MA, USA
> n1jdu.org "Go Fly A Kite"
>

Well, that's the big concern right now. However, the D7 did survive a
fall out of the trunk onto pavement with only a broken antenna
connection, and the boards look like they are very well mounted. I'm a
little worried about on-going vibration shortening the lifespan, but
looking at the pictures here, I think there are lots of people who
don't have problems

1095. Re: D7 mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-18 13:43:00 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1091 Message: 1095

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...> wrote:
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> best.

I thought of that, but I don't have the clearance on the top tube, and I don't want to screw up the paint (even using an intertube shim will eventually cause the paint to get marked up). Besides, I don't know that the tubes on my bike are made to handle much in the way of sidewall compression.

I'm leaning more and more toward a handlebar bag, if I can find a small one. I'm going down to Denver today to look around at some of the shops and REI. I'll post what I find.

1096. Re: D7 mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-18 12:57:58 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1091 Message: 1096

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Eric
N3KQX

1097. RE: [BMHA] Re: Hello, looking at Ram mounts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-18 14:39:31 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1088 Message: 1097

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>Richard Amirault N1JDU
Boston,
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Howdy Richard,

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My current setup uses a geeky Cannondale "hybrid bike" that has shock absorbers both front and back. I'm no longer the dashing spandex figure on a racing bike - but my Physical Therapist is happier.

73,

Ron w9xs

1098. RE: [BMHA] Re: Hello, looking at Ram mounts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-18 17:28:19 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 1088 Message: 1098

That is so cool! I do want to know what kind of rack that is on the back, though. I don't think I've seen one with the upward tilting section on the back.

Jack
KE4LWT
-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Ron Baran
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2006 9:40 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: Hello, looking at Ram mounts

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1099. Re: [BMHA] Re: D7 mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-18 23:53:28 UTC
From: list email filter
Topic: 1091 Message: 1099

Ditto here, I've been riding with a Vista on my handlebars via a Garmin mount for about 6 years. The reason I bought the gps, with the map display was to ride trails, and get good tracks of the trails, so that I could single-track off trail, and find my way back to the trail when I wanted to. I've logged over 2k miles single tracking, and over 4k trail riding (mostly converted railroad beds and logging roads) with the Garmin on my handlebars (solid frame bike for me, no suspension at all). My mount is shimmed up with tube material, and I've always lashed it up to the handlebars with the strap, mostly to get the strap out of the way (don't leave the strap too long, if it does come loose, you don't want it to get down between the spokes and the fork), though I don't recall it ever coming loose on its own. It's survived some spectacular crashes over the years.

The only two issues I've had are the batteries jiggling (cured by a little foam in the battery compartment), and losing the satellites in the tree cover or because my body is up over the handlebars and blocking them.

Like the old TImex adds, the system has taken a licking, and kept on ticking.

When I'm actually tracking which is a rarity, as its pretty hard to get digipeated where I usually ride, I carry the gps, tt3, and ht on my back in my camelbak (keeps the cables out of the way, and places the gps where my body won't block the satellites).

Erik
KI4HMS/7

On Mar 18, 2006, at 4:57 AM, n3kqx wrote:

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> Eric
> N3KQX
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1100. Good case for VX-2R ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-20 11:47:28 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 1100 Message: 1100

I just got a Yaesu VX-2R, what would be a good case for it? I want the case to be water / sweat resistant, as the HT will likely ride in my jersey pocket. Thanks.

Pete, KF5ND

1101. VX2r cases

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-22 05:50:49 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1101 Message: 1101

I found a thing that attaches to the vertical part of
my stem, which is the perfect size for the VX-2r. The
velcro attachment is vertical instead of horizontal as
a belt loop would be. I find that better than in a
jersey pocket.

There is a company I think called Western Case
(although Google can't find it) that makes very good
cases for just about every HT. I have seen them at
many West Coast hamfests.

I also have a number of cases fro Calde Ridge
(http://www.calderidge.com/catalog/), although it will
be very hard to pick one from their catalog.

Good luck in your search.

Barry

--- BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:

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1102. Good case for VX-2R ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-22 16:49:32 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1100 Message: 1102

I have one of the Western cases for my VX2r, and it works good. I
got it last year at the Dayton Hamvention. I don't remember what
the dealer's name was though - sorry... It has a number "31" on the
small tag next to the Western case logo if that helps.

It is not 'water proof', as the top of the case is open, but it would
protect from body moisture unless you were just dripping with sweat on it.
I would bring a zip-loc bag if you were worried about rain....

One thing that I have done with the VX2r before I got this case, was
to put it in a small digital camera case that I got from wally-mart.
The case would then go into the bottle cage on the stearing "t" on
my recumbent bike along with some velcro strap to hold it in. I ran cable
to a 5/8wave nmo mount 2M antenna on a metal tab I had attached to the underside of
my 'luggage rack'. The small Yeasu speaker mike was pluged into the radio
and clipped to one of the brake cables on the handle bars so that it
faced me, so I could hear it easly.

I used this setup for about 500 miles on RAGBRAI in '04, and it worked
well, and got out fine.

Hope that helps..
Arnie - KA0NCR

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> 1. VX2r cases
> From: Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...>
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> Message: 1
> Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2006 21:50:49 -0800 (PST)
> From: Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...>
> Subject: VX2r cases
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1103. Re: Ride the Rockies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-22 21:18:28 UTC
From: Bud Talbot
Topic: 1072 Message: 1103

I like it a lot. I use it for skiing, hiking and biking. It is
mounted on my bike stem with the garmin quick release, which is
pretty nice. I use it to track my rides and then load the tracks
into Topofusion, which is a cool program.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, <tedb@...> wrote:
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> Foretresx 201? How do you like it so far....we are considering the
305 Cycle
> GPS/CAD/HRM/CYCLO-COMPUTER
> I am interested in knowing your perception of the 201 thus far.
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> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf
Of Bud
> Talbot
> Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 7:47 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] Ride the Rockies
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>
> Anybody planning on doing Ride the Rockies this year? They
announced
> the route today and it looks great. We'll put in again (we got
> selected last year) so I hope we get accepted. I've now got a
garmin
> foretrex 201 mounted on the stem so I'm considering taking the D7
and
> doing some APRS during the ride.
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> Regards,
> Bud
> KB9WVG
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1104. Re: Ride the Rockies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-22 21:20:56 UTC
From: Bud Talbot
Topic: 1072 Message: 1104

I figure that I will charge the Foretrex each night when we camp on RTR. There are always some outlets around the beer garden, gyms, etc. I should be OK on battery life for each day's ride. I'm not yet sure if I can store 7 days worth of tracks in the track memory. I'm thinking about a palm pilot track download solution, though. . .

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, <tedb@...> wrote:
>
> Thanks for the input. I have just about talked myself out of the 305 due to
> the L-ion rechargeable battery.
> it not user changeable only good for 12 hours, and many of my rides are
> weekenders.
> I haven't yet been able to surmise weather it has an external power jack
> which might calm my nerves a little.
> Thanks again.
> Ted
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> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Len
> Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 5:42 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: Re: [BMHA] Ride the Rockies
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> was pleased. I mounted a Comet dual-bander on the seat back and have
> several power options for the radio. I had UI-View with Height/Track
> software running at home and was able to see/save my track on a

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> map as well.
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1105. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-03-24 18:13:27 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1105 Message: 1105

Sunday May 21, 2006 08:30 - 10:30 Room 2

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (The 16th Annual BMHA forum at the Hamvention)

Moderator/Speaker: Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
Speakers: Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ
Stephan Hepner, KC9EKU
Barry Bogart, VE7VIE/KD7IGX

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America was founded by Hartley Alley, NA0A in 1989 when a QST article asked hams who operate their radios while bicycle-mobile to get together and form a group. BMHA hosts a website along with the BMHA Yahoo Groups forum.

Our featured speaker this year is Jeff Slattery, Communications Director for the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure, GOBA, a large annual week long bicycle event. Jeff will review with us some new plans to track their communication squads using APRS over their net frequencies.

We will have several displays and demonstrations of Bicycle and Trikes with their radio communication setups.

Mike Nickolaus - NF0N
Forum moderator

1106. Switching power supplies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-03 23:15:47 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1106 Message: 1106

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Thanks!
stephen kc9eku

1107. Re: [BMHA] Switching power supplies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-04 00:59:47 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1106 Message: 1107

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From: "shepner2000"
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Yeah...but what about that long extension cord??

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
n1jdu.org "Go Fly A Kite"

1108. Re: [BMHA] Switching power supplies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-04 05:50:59 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 1106 Message: 1108

By their very nature, switch-mode power supplies cause interference! They work by means of a rectangular waveform oscillator. They are very rich in harmonics. If you can put it inside a metal container (watch the heat), and add ferrite "donuts" to which the power leads loop through, you should get rid of the most of it. A good example would be the ones that are used on the data cable on a computer monitor and some external printer power supplies. If you are wanting to start with 120VAC, 60Hz, most of the HP printers with external supplies develop around 28 VDC. That could be your source to feed the 13.8 VDC input.

The good news is the radiation from these doesn't travel very far. Once I connected my radio to an outside antenna, it was gone.

Harry, WD9FYF

Richard Amirault wrote:

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1109. Re: Switching power supplys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-04 16:27:46 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1109 Message: 1109

Looks like the other replys didn't look very closely at your
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Sounds like you have a 24 volt DC system on your bike eh?

That seems kind of strange to me, could you explain more
about your set up? Why was 24 volt power chosen ?

I don't know what else you would have on your bike that runs on 24
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be better off converting your battery to a 12 volt system.

Anyhow, A linear regulator would "waste" about 1/2 of the power used as heat
to drop the voltage to 13.8 volts. It would be small and lightweight but kind of
wasteful...

A Bucking switching regulator would be more effecicent, but would need a
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There are several chips out that will function as the heart of a buck/boost
regulator, but I can't remember the part numbers right now. A google
search might turn up something that you could build though..

Also,

You might write to "Nuts and Volts" magazine Q&A department, explain your
problem and see what they might come up with for a solution.. It might
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1110. Re: Switching power supplys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-05 00:40:10 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1109 Message: 1110

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btw, if anyone is interested here the (somewhat old) pictures of my bike: https://www.asyla.org/gallery/
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1111. Re: Switching power supplys - circuits

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-05 06:34:05 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1109 Message: 1111

Hi again Steven,

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1112. Re: [BMHA] Re: Switching power supplys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-05 13:46:44 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1109 Message: 1112

Stephen,

It's hard to diagnose another person's problem from
afar. But it sounds like your primary wire, and/or
your ground wire to/and from the battery may be too
small.

You can't move DC very far without your primary wire
becoming part of the load, and given enough time the
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load and the stuff you're feeding will shutdown.

You may have been down this road, but if you haven't
it might not take long to visit your local Home Depot
and purchase wire as heavy as is practical. And keep
the length as short as possible.

As an experiment, borrow a small inverter and plug it
into the cigar lighter of a car. Plug in something, a
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inverter to go off line because the wire from the
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Just some things I learned the hard way while living
for five years off the grid with solar power.

72 de Scott

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1113. Re: Switching power supplys - circuits

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-06 04:13:47 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1109 Message: 1113

I and my Greenspeed should be at Dayton again this year assuming that I can get a car rack in time. The hitch showed up today and Ill install it this weekend. I have a rack picked out (http://www.hitchrider.com/trikes.htm) and Im planning on ordering it tomorrow. Unfortunately I dont/wont have a drivable truck anytime soon so Im now discovering the "joys" of moving that thing with a car. I suppose this is why Greenspeed has developed their new small/foldable models.

sorry to hear about your leg....At about the same time last year I had done a real number on my knee during while riding (too many miles at one time on new pedals that apparently my knee didnt like) and also didnt get too many miles in last year. I think it was around 600 or so. This year Im starting off with strep throat so I havnt really started riding yet. The year before my daily commute to work was my typical training ride and every so often I would do a 2-3 day camping trip at 50mi a day.

This year, I have a new/better antenna mount that Im itching to try out soon. I also have a new under-seat cargo box and new lighting. The wiring harness needs installed yet but at least this time around I have a better idea of what I need to do.

On the original topic of this thread:
I plan on getting an 817 after I upgrade my license so till then Im using a VX-7R. That switching supply looks interesting and it appears that he came to much the same conclusions I did but went a different route to solve it. The current requirements are simular but that circuit looks like it drops the idle voltage a bit lower then the minV for my HT. Ill have to think about this a bit....

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1114. Re: Switching power supplys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-06 04:23:55 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1109 Message: 1114

Thanks for the suggestions! In this case I dont *think* that wiresize was the case but thats always a possibility. The reason why I say that is because I only had the problem while receiving. Actually, I probably wouldnt have noticed if the local repeater didnt use PL tones. While transmitting, my signal got out and noone was able to hear anything odd in the audio. The cable I use is actually the one off the OEM power supply which I chopped and put powerpole connectors on. Ive used it pretty successfully that way in the car a number of times which is why I hadnt really considered it as a potential problem spot in this application. With that said, it is a pretty thin wire and I probably should look a bit closer at it.

I also really need to buy or borrow a decent scope so I can actually see what is going on and then better work on filtering out the noise.

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1115. Opinions on sealed 12V 7.5 ahr batteries

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-14 22:43:28 UTC
From: earicci
Topic: 1115 Message: 1115

Good Afternoon Folks:

I am working on getting my 21 speed ready for spring. I would like to HF portable, not mobile. I have an IC 706MK2G, which pulls 1.8 amps on receive.

Would like BHMA members to weigh in on the viability of a 12 volt 7.5 amp hour sealed battery. Batteries plus has such an animal.

I am aware of the issue of dropping below 11.9 volts. My goal is to be able to run CW at about 15 watts out. I would like to be able to use the battery for about 3 hours before discharge tranmitting about 20 percent of the time.

Any opinions?

Thanks,

WB2S (Eliot)

1116. Re: [BMHA] Opinions on sealed 12V 7.5 ahr batteries

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-14 23:25:51 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1115 Message: 1116

From what I understand the IC 706 series of radios are *very* inefficient QRP rigs. That is .. while you *can* dial the power output down .. the current draw is still considerable.

BUT, if that's all you've got .....

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
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Subject: [BMHA] Opinions on sealed 12V 7.5 ahr batteries

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1117. Re: [BMHA] Opinions on sealed 12V 7.5 ahr batteries

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-15 01:09:19 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1115 Message: 1117

Hi Eliot,

I looked you up on QRZ, and you have enough hits that you've probably already tried everything I can think of to offer. But here goes.

I wonder if there's a way to turn off the display on your radio. I don't know that it would save much, maybe not worth while.

The batteries you mention are designed for alarm systems. They may not live through many discharges. Also, they may not take a very respectable charge without damage.

There is a source on eBay for solar panels. One that will charge 120 mA at 12 volts can be had for $10 to $12. It would fit on a rear luggage rack and help charge your battery while en route to where you plan to operate.

After your time as a ham you've come to realize how potent one-watt can be a suitable antenna.

There is a kit manufacturer that builds a battery monitor using leds and won't load the system down and give you a bum reading. You'll have to google rainbow kits, or something along those lines to find it. I think the kit was about $8.

Good luck and have fun.

72 de Scott

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1118. Re: Opinions on sealed 12V 7.5 ahr batteries

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-15 02:03:04 UTC
From: earicci
Topic: 1115 Message: 1118

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Eliot WB2S

1119. Re: [BMHA] Re: Opinions on sealed 12V 7.5 ahr batteries

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-15 02:34:48 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 1115 Message: 1119

A friend of mine uses a motorcycle battery to power a 5 W / 25 W mobile
2m radio on his bike. He reports good battery life, but I don't have
any actual specifics on his claim. I will check with him.

Harry Seyfert, WD9FYF

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1120. Re: Opinions on sealed 12V 7.5 ahr batteries

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-15 04:00:44 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1115 Message: 1120

I cant speak directly to what you are doing but here is what Ive observed with my setup:

I have a headlight attached to a pulse width regulator (PWR). The light is a 20W @ 12V bulb that is being operated at 15V. Input range is 18-35V DC.

The original battery pack that I used were 2 12v 3.3Ahr sealed lead batteries in series (18-26V) which weighed ~7lbs. They could operate that light for 51 minutes before the PWR would turn off at 18V.

The following year I got a 6C1P 3300mA LiPo pack (18-25.2V) which weighs <1lb. That same PWR and headlight with these batteries will operate for 1:30 in cold weather and 2hrs in warm weather.

Obviously, battery chemistry makes a huge difference even if the ratings are the same.

Since your radio is drawing 1.8A and if it can operate down to 9V, I would expect it to receive (w/o audio) for nearly an hour with your proposed 7.5Ahr battery. For transmitting at 15W, without knowing what the actual draw is, Im guessing that it is pulling ~45W which means you would get perhaps 20 minutes till you hit 9V. If you really cant drop below 11.9V, I dont think you will have much luck since your battery will likely drop below that when you key up.

You can give it a try but I would strongly suggest on borrowing a battery before buying one. Using only 5W would greatly help or if you solve the 24V battery with switching power supply delemma that I had mentioned in an earlier thread that would be even better for you (and me). :)

let us know what you find!
stephen
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1121. Re: [BMHA] Opinions on sealed 12V 7.5 ahr batteries

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-15 00:40:02 UTC
From: Terry Collins
Topic: 1115 Message: 1121

earicci wrote:
> Good Afternoon Folks:
>
> I am working on getting my 21 speed ready for spring. I would like to
> HF portable, not mobile. I have an IC 706MK2G, which pulls 1.8 amps
> on receive.
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> Would like BHMA members to weigh in on the viability of a 12 volt 7.5
> amp hour sealed battery. Batteries plus has such an animal.
>
> I am aware of the issue of dropping below 11.9 volts. My goal is to be
> able to run CW at about 15 watts out. I would like to be able to use
> the battery for about 3 hours before discharge tranmitting about 20
> percent of the time.
>
> Any opinions?

My 2c is far too small. You will be discharging this at double the
recommended rate and consequently shorten its life.

OTOH, if you are only going to use this a few times each year or the
batteries are cheaply available, then do it. I find these batteries seem
to have a measured life of a few years anyway and I know what it is like
to lug a 18Amphr around {:-).

As to whether it will run for 3 hours I strongly doubt it. You need to
look at the discharge curve for this particular SLA. Remember the AmpHr
rating is typically for C/20 i.e. over a 20 hour period and discharge
rates are NOT linear. So even though it looks like you are only asking
for 3.75AmpHr from this battery, my estimation is it is definitely going
to fall below your 11.9volts (50% discharge?)

AIUI recommended discharge rate is C/10 or 750ma. So unless your standby
is well below this, I doubt if you are going to make it. You could
always do a home test and plot your own discharge curve.

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Terry Collins {:-)}}}
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"Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little
security will deserve neither and lose both." Benjamin Franklin

1122. Batteries and QRP and Bicycles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-15 12:53:57 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1122 Message: 1122

Eliot,

I would suggest you explore Small Wonder Labs for an
affordable QRP rig. With a fistful of D cells and a
good antenna you can work the world.

72 de Scott

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1123. Re: [BMHA] Batteries and QRP and Bicycles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-04-17 12:14:20 UTC
From: Eliot Ricciardelli
Topic: 1122 Message: 1123

All of the responses are appreciated. My first cut at this had me stop at the local BatteriesPlus. I bought a 12 V 10.5 amp hour rechargeable sealed battery. The Werker's were cheaper but larger and heavier. This one is about 6 x 3 x 4 and weighs 36 ounces.

Last year I bought a bicycle pack that has pull out side panels. They really came in handy loading the IC706MK2G, MFJ-900B tuner, bencher keyer (yes I know I need some portable paddles), 20 gauge speaker wire, counterpoise, headphones, jumpers, etc. I have one of those comfort bikes, sits more upright, comfortable seats, with 24 gears. Well suited for the 40 and over crowd!

The YL and I rode through the Elm Creek Park Reserve in Osseo MN. The Twin Cities Park system is excellent. We rode for about 12 miles. I spotted a place high on one of the paths with a picnic table and tree. After the ride circled back around and set up camp. Of course, we drew attention.

I launched the end fed over the tree (those RF chokes come in handy in a pinch) and started tuning around. The Michigan QSO party was in full swing. I made about six contacts. I could tell my signal was down as the other op typically asked for repeats. 20 meters was better, 3 QSO's there, slightly better reports.

After returning home I found the voltage at 12.1 after 1.5 hours of operating. This was from a battery that had sat on the shelf at the store for quite a while, I imagine. I continued to use it at home for another 1.5 hours (about 70 percent receive and 30 percent transmitting at 20 watts out).

I am doing full test this week. So far I can receive down to about 11.8 volts. The battery will typically output up to 50 watts (what I would have expected no way I would do this in the field for long), I ran it at about 20 watts out.

More tests to follow. I will say the total extra weight on the bike was considerable. That is helping my exercise program. But I would like to drop a few pounds from the bike overall.

73 Eliot (WB2S)

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1124. International Bicycle Mobile Operations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-06 19:18:33 UTC
From: kd5fdw
Topic: 1124 Message: 1124

CQ
I frequent a bicycling tour newsgroup and saw a recommendation for bike tourists to get CB radios. I recommended that for just a little more work, a ham license is available.

(I was thinking that it would be infinitely more useful to be able to connect to a VHF/UHF repeater than to listen to the truckers use colorful metaphores to describe the bike rider that's "getting in their way".)

One of the riders came back with a question about operating internationally. In addition to the legality of operating in other nations, I started wondering about which bands would be most useful internationally, care and feeding of batteries, and what are the chances of the equipment being stolen if left unattended for more than 42 seconds.

Does anyone on the forum have any international bike mobile ham experience?

Thx
Dave
nd4su

1125. Just a brief Question.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-07 04:24:08 UTC
From: tyree_67
Topic: 1125 Message: 1125

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1126. Re: [BMHA] International Bicycle Mobile Operations

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-07 05:18:32 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 1124 Message: 1126

Hello,
I have only experience with bicycle mobile in Germany. 2 m is great.
Lots of repeaters and friendly hams. Their band is shorter than ours
(144 - 146 MHz, I think). As for charging batteries, you'll need one
that will work on 220 / 240 VAC, 50 Hz and if fitted with a U. S. type
plug, an adapter for the European continent. In the U. K., the AC
receptacles are different, so one more adapter is needed.

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

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1127. Re: [BMHA] Just a brief Question.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-08 15:38:02 UTC
From: Joe (KM5CW)
Topic: 1125 Message: 1127

tyree_67 wrote:

> I know with hamvention coming soon I would like some advice on a radio
> for my EZ3 recumbenrt bike. If nothing else right now. just to listen
> to short wave while I'm riding. thanks for your input

Wow, me too, I bought an EZ3 SX last month and have almost 500 miles on
it so far.
Looking for suggestions for antennas and plan to add my aprs tiny Trak3
plus to it also :)
here in Ft.Worth. glad to see another trike on the list.
73 de KM5CW Joe

>
visit BikeJournal.com and meet tons of nice cyclists
http://www.bikejournal.com/profiles_public.asp?rname=BikeEJoe

1128. Re: Just a brief Question.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-08 16:47:09 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1125 Message: 1128

Be sure to attend the BMHA forum at Dayton, Sunday, Room 2 at 8:30 am. We will have several displays of outfitted radio bike and trike. One of each both with radio and antenna on them. This may give you some additional ideas.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Dayton Forum moderator

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1129. EZ3 Trike guys wanting rig/antenna advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-08 23:43:04 UTC
From: 3 wheel BBQ Piggy
Topic: 1129 Message: 1129

Hey guys,

I don't have an EZ3 but I do have a WizWheelz recumbent trike and I have been doing
HF tricycle MOBILE for a couple of years in the dry season.

I can tell you what I use, but more importantly I would ask if you want to wear your control head on your belt or body or want it on your trike - more about that in a minute. If your rig does not have the front separate, do you want to wear it or place the rig in a pannier and have a Heil Traveler headset running up to you?

About mounting the control head on the trike, I suggest that you look at the frame of your trikes and consider where a good place is where you could mount a gooseneck that can hold the front of your rig. Looking at the pic of the EZ3 it looks like it has only one wheel up front and any mounting would be on the main, center tube, that or a handlebar bag that could hold rig front or rig and body in it.

I use a gooseneck on the front left arm of my trike. The gooseneck is held securely in place by one metal auto hose clamp. The gooseneck has a plate at the top of it to hold my control head and next to it I have a GPS holder. I use velcro to secure all the remote cables that run back towards my rack and side panniers. I have a bike trunk which holds a 33Ah Gel Cell -big but sometimes I go up to 11 (Spinal Tap joke) up to 100 to get the DX that cannot hear me at lower levels.

Antennas, any mount that will hold a hamstick will also hold the coil antennas like the Buddistick, etc.

Good luck, you already made a great decision getting a trike!

73

Rem
K6BBQ
Flying Pig # 490
The k6 BBQ shack, 10 miles North of the Golden Gate Bridge

1130. Thanks

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-09 06:16:41 UTC
From: tyree_67
Topic: 1130 Message: 1130

I want to thank you all for your reponses on my question I posted I plan to attend hamvention. If I don't have to work. thanks again

1131. Re: Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-09 16:53:25 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1105 Message: 1131

Just a reminder of the BMHA forum at the Dayton Hamvention. See the full details on the BMHA website, www.lafetra.com/bmha I am bringing many of the past BMHA newsletters with me, they will be free to anyone who attends the forum. The newsletters have many antenna articles, product reviews and hinks and tips for Ham Radio bicyclers.

Hope to see many of you there.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA forum moderator

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "nf0n" <nf0n@...> wrote:
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> Sunday May 21, 2006 08:30 - 10:30 Room 2
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> Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (The 16th Annual BMHA forum at the
> Hamvention)
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> Moderator/Speaker: Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
> Speakers: Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ
> Stephan Hepner, KC9EKU
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> Bicycle Mobile Hams of America was founded by Hartley Alley, NA0A
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> 1989 when a QST article asked hams who operate their radios while
> bicycle-mobile to get together and form a group. BMHA hosts a
> website along with the BMHA Yahoo Groups forum.
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> Our featured speaker this year is Jeff Slattery, Communications
> Director for the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure, GOBA, a large
annual
> week long bicycle event. Jeff will review with us some new plans
to
> track their communication squads using APRS over their net
> frequencies.
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> We will have several displays and demonstrations of Bicycle and
> Trikes with their radio communication setups.
>
> Mike Nickolaus - NF0N
> Forum moderator
>

1132. Re: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-11 16:49:14 UTC
From: Bill Vodall
Topic: 1044 Message: 1132

On Wed, 5 Oct 2005, hornet133 wrote:

> well after talking to a fellow ham that i have known for a while he
> sugested a 1/4 wave dipole attached to a safety flag pole. i made it

The standard ribbon lead J-Pole is actually an endfed 1/2 wave dipole. I use a slight variation made out of 50 ohm coax (old network cable - complete with BNC on one end) and it works great when tied to a fiberglass safety flag pole.

Bill - WA7NWP

1133. Antennas for a Tour Easy Recumbent ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-12 01:42:19 UTC
From: Greg Heath
Topic: 1133 Message: 1133

Hi, name is Greg KB2QQM, from Racine, WI. I have a Tour Easy recumbent from www.easyracers.com and want to put some sort of 2M handheld and antenna on the bike. I currently have an Icom W32A. Eventually there will be some sort of HF. Anybody have any ideas for this bike. I currently have a flag on back, but not sure I want to radiate so close to my head,(guess my cell phone doesn't count?!)
My Ipod is fun, but it would be nice to be able to turn it off and just talk...

I did see on one of these pages AB0XP has a tour easy, but he apparently does not advertise his email. Anybody know him or could pass along my email query to him?

Any ideas are welcome...either here or direct at kb2qqm@...
or kb2qqm@...

Greg KB2QQM

1134. Re: Antennas for a Tour Easy Recumbent ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-18 04:43:10 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1133 Message: 1134

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1135. RE: [BMHA] Re: Antennas for a Tour Easy Recumbent ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-19 03:14:57 UTC
From: kc0pah
Topic: 1133 Message: 1135

I have an easy tour, I put a mirror mount (5/8 stud mount) on the upper seat rail, it looks just like a flag stick and helps with the low visibility in traffic. Radiated power from the ht is not as much an issue as higher power would be. It works well with a dual band 2m, to 440 fire stick style antenna. I would not try a screwdriver hf antenna or anything heavy with the aluminum seat rails or high power directly behind your back and head.

Mike
Kc0pah (in middle Missouri)

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of shepner2000
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 11:43 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1136. Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-05-30 06:47:47 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1044 Message: 1136

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> dipole. I use a slight variation made out of 50 ohm coax (old
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> when tied to a fiberglass safety flag pole.
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> Bill - WA7NWP
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Bill, could you give use a little more detail on your coax J-pole
construction?
I am okanning on getting a EZ-Sport soon and want to have 2m with me
on the bike.
Tnx, Lynn - KB3FN

1137. Re: [BMHA] Re: First antenna for bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-01 01:49:22 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1044 Message: 1137

This may not be what you want, but take a squint at
this:

http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=9285

72 de Scott

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1138. Antenna Source

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-01 12:42:31 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1138 Message: 1138

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1139. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Source

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-01 12:57:07 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1138 Message: 1139

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1140. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Source

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-01 13:09:12 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1138 Message: 1140

Richard,

That was one of the antennas we tested along with the 5/8 waves before we settled on the half wave.

Our constraints were 2 meters, 5 watts, 2 Ah 12 V external battery mounted on the antenna base (the article's in an old issue of CQ-VHF that you can get to from the BMHA home page, I believe), and omni-directional.

We had a grand time researching this for about 3 "seasons" before we decided.

We're now researching GPS tracking set-ups for the squads and bicycle mobiles.

Best,

Bill

On Jun 1, 2006, at 7:57 AM, Richard Amirault wrote:

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Bill Sharp
bsharp@...

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1141. Re: Antenna Source

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-05 09:32:01 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1138 Message: 1141

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <tobsharp@...> wrote:
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Bill, Do you have a website for the GBR-1 Specs? I am having a hard time finding it on the Radiall/Larsen site.

1142. Re: [BMHA] Re: Antenna Source

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-05 13:02:52 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1138 Message: 1142

Lynn,

. . . and you won't find it.

It is a custom application with a small target market, and as such doesn't rate catalog or website space, I'm afraid.

But, the specs are, (didn't I include them in the note?):

NMO K (large base to help prevent breakage, rather than other connectors)on one end with a plastic protective cover on the underside (hence the K designation) to deter water and dirt damage from the rear wheel (I also duct tape mine) and a BNC on the other end with a protective sleeve to deter a broken coax shield or center conductor.

The coax is special order Belden CX (at least it was the last time I ordered), stranded center conductor (again specific to this application where the "rig" gets a lot of on and off and flexing).

The length is 3 x 1/4 waves @ 146.000 for the GBR-1 and 5 x 1/4 wave lengths for the GBR-2 designed for bents and tandems. That's about 57" for the 3 x quarter wave length.

We also found that for our specific application, a half wave is superior to a 5/8 wave. There are lots of dual band vertical antennas around and as long as the specs for 2 meter portion turns out to be a half wave, you'll be fine. We recommend the Larsen NMO - 150 HW simply because it's physically longer than a dual bander.

If you'd care to, you can take a look at the CQ-VHF article about half way down the GOBA amateur radio web page, as well as other articles also about the half way mark.

You can infer from the above specs, we encountered just about every possible weak or weak point during our 3 years of research on this thing.

Pls let me know if I can answer any more questions for you. Glad you asked.

Stop by and say hello at the Medical RV, with the white flag with the red cross. All the folks running around in white are the docs, and there's lots of them. We'll be the ones sitting in chairs (mine is made out of a Texas flag) trying to figure out how we can get more antennas in the air.

Best,

Bill
The Older

P. S. Bill, the younger, has what's called, well, he'll tell you what it's called, counter poise for operating with a hand held and a rubber duck. He'll be happy to give you one as a thank you for bringing your radio. For me, I feel it doubles my output and increases reception when you've got your hand stretched up as high as it can go and you're using a speaker mike to talk because the talkie can't quite make the machine.

We feel that this is serious business, this keeping in touch with the squads for medical emergencies and it's disheartening to have an injured rider in the ditch and we can't hit the repeater (because we didn't do all we could).

On Jun 5, 2006, at 4:32 AM, Lynn DeHart wrote:

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bsharp@...

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1143. Bike mount ideas/pics needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-06 01:50:16 UTC
From: hamaddict2001
Topic: 1143 Message: 1143

Hi folks,

I am biking again after several years absence and absolutely love it. Weve moved to a new location with some great trails.

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Thanks so much for all your help and your time, and I hope to work all of you bike mobile soon!

73 de Tom, N2YTF

1144. Re: [BMHA] Bike mount ideas/pics needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-06 02:51:22 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1143 Message: 1144

----- Original Message -----
From: "hamaddict2001"
Subject: [BMHA] Bike mount ideas/pics needed
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Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
n1jdu.org "Go Fly A Kite"

1145. Re: Bike mount ideas/pics needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-06 03:05:23 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 1143 Message: 1145

Here's a shot of my 817 mounted on my 20-year-old Miyata.
http://www.n0lx.com/bicycle_mobile.html

I cut a plywood base, mounted it with strap aluminum brackets (1/8" x 1") and fixed with u-bolts to the bars. The wood is coated with Polyurethane. The bag was $2.00 at a garage sale and the rig rests on two layers of 2" stuffing foam from Hobby Lobby. Lots of cushoning.

Jake, N0LX
www.n0lx.com

1146. Re: [BMHA] Bike mount ideas/pics needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-06 03:18:19 UTC
From: patrick friend
Topic: 1143 Message: 1146

Use a RAM mount (just google RAM mount) and then some stiff foam padding between mount and rig to act as a damper to vibration. Then just strap it in place with a wide piece of velcro/nylon strapping with the foam providing resistance. Then just pull the strap or straps and remove the rig. Might have to glue the foam (closed-cell an inch or more in thickness - can get from a generic type 3 lifejacket or throw pillow very cheap around here - S Fla, USA)

Best,
patrick, W7VL/4

----- Original Message -----
From: Richard Amirault
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2006 22:51
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Bike mount ideas/pics needed

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From: "hamaddict2001"
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1147. RE: [BMHA] Bike mount ideas/pics needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-06 10:45:14 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1143 Message: 1147

Hi Tom,

Welcome back to the trails. I went through the same process four years ago when I got into bike mobile. During the process I took a few pictures and put them up on my web site w9xs.us. I've been using the 706IIG "rock solid" on the handle bars for the last four years without a problem. A subsequent iteration of this station uses a tuner and 102" whip as an antenna mounted with a spring just as you mention. Just swap out the hamstick on the back of the pix.

Field Day from the bike anyone? This is probably the time to throw down the gauntlet to the august group.
73,

Ron, w9xs

>From: "hamaddict2001" <hamaddict2001@...>
>Reply-To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1148. Re: Bike mount ideas/pics needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-06 14:58:01 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 1143 Message: 1148

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> One problem, I do not have a good idea on how to mount my Yaesu
> FT-817 on my mountain bike (an entry level Schwinn).
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> 73 de Tom, N2YTF
>

Hi Tom, and welcome back.

I found a 1/4" thick aluminum plate that was roughly the same size as the FT-817 and mounted conduit hangers on one side. These attach to the handle bar. A cooler mounted on the rear rack served both to carry water and batteries. A Radio Shack CB mirror mount was bolted to the rear rack. I used both a 102" whip and Hamsticks as desired.

I used the standard mic with a mic hanger mounted on one of the conduir hanger bolts but a Heil Traveler would be my first choice.

I now have a recumbent and simply strap the Mountain Ops backpack behind the seat with a similar antenna setup.

1149. Re: [BMHA] Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-07 05:08:42 UTC
From: Leigh L. Klotz, Jr.
Topic: 890 Message: 1149

I have a wireless bluetooth headset for music players, with the headset
and the sound device that has an 1/8" plug on it.
I tried it with my KX1 and it was stupendously bad. It has about a
150ms delay. I found it impossible to send CW with it.
I don't know about the phone devices; they might have less smaller
packets for their reduced audio bandwidth and thus less latency.
Or maybe the music player one is cost-optimized in some way that causes
the latency.
In any case, it really did not work for me.

Leigh/WA5ZNU

jim h wrote:
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> for comments.
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> bracket on the bike. Then my headset and ptt connect to the bracket as
> if the bracket were the radio. It works great but, when I get off and
> on the bike I have to un-plug and plug back in. Also, it would be
> really cool to still be able to hear the radio when I am away from the
> bike, even if I am away from the ptt switch.
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> radio?
> Has anyone tried this? Any other ideas?
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1150. Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-08 04:32:09 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 890 Message: 1150

I'm going to give this a try soon. I have a Jabbra device made for
cell phones that came with an adaptor for non-BT phones. I plan on
adapting it for use with my D-700, albeit without PTT on the earpiece
(there is a call pickup button available. The sound quality on this
device is not all that great, but there is no delay I can precieve.

I'll post my findings...
Eric

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1151. Handsfree Bicycle Operating...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-13 17:55:50 UTC
From: Alan caldwell
Topic: 1151 Message: 1151

Hello everyone, greetings from Bonnie Scotland :-)

I am in the process of fitting my Yaesu FT-60 to my bicycle, I have the aerial mounted and cables run. I have a headset custom fit to my cycle helmet with one earpiece and boom mike. I have a handlebar carrier to hold the radio but I need some help/advice on something...

I am going to place a PTT button on the handlebars on the right hand side but I am not sure how to wire the button up for use with the FT-60. I intend to construct a small PTT box with 2 x 3.5mm jack sockets to accept the jack plugs on the headset. There will also be another connector to interface with the radio.

My question is, how do I wire up the PTT circuit? I assume the mic and ptt line is one and the same but I haven't a clue how to wire the button in the circuit to activate the PTT.

Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Cheers the noo...

73's

AlanC.
2M0TXY

1152. Re: [BMHA] Handsfree Bicycle Operating...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-13 23:19:48 UTC
From: Paul Minerva
Topic: 1151 Message: 1152

I have an FT-60 as well. I hope you will post pictures of your rig when you are finished.

Paul Minerva
KC9JJU

Alan caldwell <2m0txy@...> wrote:
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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1153. BigCat Road Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-20 01:58:52 UTC
From: santacruzgj
Topic: 1153 Message: 1153

Is anyone riding a "BigCat Road Recumbent" trike from Pinnacle Mountain Sports??? If so, thoughts/comments??? My preference would be a Greenspeed GTE, but for the price...
Plans are to carry two SLA batteries in panniers to power an Icom 706MK2G and AH-4 auto-tuner.
Thanks
George
WA4CG

1154. New Member With Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-06-30 20:16:34 UTC
From: wtrecat
Topic: 1154 Message: 1154

Hello, I'm new to the group and I have a few of questions:

1. It looks like a number of people put their ft817 radios in a handlebar bag with lots of padding. Has this created any overheating problems for the radio?

2. Has anyone had problems with long antennas and clearances?

3. What kind of tuner are folks using?

4. How well do hamsticks work on a bicycle? The Superantenna MP1?

Thanks

Ken W3CAT

1155. Re: [BMHA] New Member With Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-01 04:24:53 UTC
From: N0MLZ@mac.com
Topic: 1154 Message: 1155

I can't speak to the questions regarding the 817 (I use an Icom 703 when bike mobile), but I can say that Hamsticks are quite effective. Plus they're pretty inexpensive. They aren't terribly long, so there aren't many things I can't go under when I'm using them.

Aaron
NØMLZ

On Jun 30, 2006, at 3:16 PM, wtrecat wrote:

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> Thanks
>
> Ken W3CAT
>

1156. RE: New Member with questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-01 17:41:55 UTC
From: Bruce Thompson
Topic: 1156 Message: 1156

Hi Ken, welcome.

1. It looks like a number of people put their ft817 radios in a handlebar bag with lots of padding. Has this created any overheating problems for the radio?

I've not had any problems with overheating (I overheat before it does!) but it did install the temperature compensated oscillator in it since I felt it was drifting around a bit.

2. Has anyone had problems with long antennas and clearances?

Problems I have had are the fact that the trees around my house are always lower than the 13'-6" normal clearance. Also, on the bike paths that have pedestrian bridges, these are pretty low and the top whip bangs onto the metal grid roof. Kinda sounds like a bumper car connection! I just reach back and fold it over and its usually not a problem.

The biggest problem I have had is the top whip swinging back and forth wacking the tops of cars and SUVs as I peddle by. I fixed that with a small streamer at the top of the whip. Seemed to calm down the swaying and is much more stable when riding fast or in winds.

3. What kind of tuner are folks using?

I just use a hamstick and tune it for the bike. Works fine. Another local ham uses a shorted end-fed half wave dipole with a manual matching unit. I've looked at that and I think that is the way to go. It doesn't require a ground/radial system and the area of highest radiation is above your head, not down at the bike. He slopes this down at a 45 degree angle off the bike and can run 100 watts with it. He is much more successful with the downturn in the cycle (sorry for the pun!) than I am with the hamstick.

4. How well do hamsticks work on a bicycle? The Superantenna MP1?

I started out with the MP1 but the back and forth motion of the bike broke it. Too much moment arm for it to handle I guess. Went with hamsticks and have been pretty happy. They are cheap and work fine.

Thanks

No worries...

Ken W3CAT

Bruce KG0SH

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1157. Re: New Member with questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-02 02:44:18 UTC
From: wtrecat
Topic: 1156 Message: 1157

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Bruce Thompson" <brucet@...> wrote:

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> ham uses a shorted end-fed half wave dipole with a manual matching unit.
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> and can run 100 watts with it. He is much more successful with the
downturn
> in the cycle (sorry for the pun!) than I am with the hamstick.
>

Thanks for answering Bruce, but now I have a new question:

Where can I find out more about the shorted ent-fed half wave dipole,
and the matching unit?

In the meantime, I think I will try some hamsticks, as I already own
several.

Ken W3CAT

1158. Re: New Member with questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-02 15:46:11 UTC
From: George Santa Cruz
Topic: 1156 Message: 1158

Bruce,

Can you provide any additional information on the "shorted end-fed half wave dipole" antenna??? Make and model???

Thanks
George
WA4CG
****
> 1a. Re: New Member with questions Posted by: "Bruce Thompson"
> brucet@... brucet622 Sat Jul 1, 2006 12:10 pm
> (PST)
<snip>
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<snip>

1159. Re: New Member with questions (end-fed antenna)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-03 01:22:45 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 1156 Message: 1159

> Where can I find out more about the shorted ent-fed half wave dipole,
> and the matching unit?
> Ken W3CAT

Ken, I am a neighbor of Bruce and use an endfed halfwave on my bike.
Here are some pages showing the setup:

http://www.n0lx.com/bicycle_mobile.html (with the 817)

http://www.n0lx.com/efhwa.html (shows the homebrew match)

http://www.n0lx.com/zl1aix.html (with the 706 and tuner - check out
the recorded audio from New Zealand using 20 watts on the bike)

http://www.n0lx.com/zl1aix.html (shows PTT button on handlebar)

I learned about the end fed halfwave from Paul, AA4XX. Of course, he
was using full-size wires, 33 feet tall, for 20 meters. Then Peter,
G0DZB, wrote to the HFpack group that he had made a shortened version
using loading coils.

Finally, the Oct. 2003 issue of QST ran an article on designing a
shortened antenna. It showed how to calculate the inductance needed to
reduce a halfwave any percentage and the resulting "L" based on where
you placed the coils.

My wire antenna is 13 feet tall, uses two small loading coils with taps
that give me 17 and 20 meters, and slopes back about 40 degrees to come
just under the 13.5' limit. We have lots of open space here in
Colorado, but I still have to watch out for low branches.

I am thinking of trying a setup where the last three feet or so will
bend back parallel to the ground. That will give me the clearance to go
under the pedestrian bridges and underpasses without having to stop and
pull down the antenna. I would only need this for the established bike
trails.

Jake, N0LX

1160. Re: New Member with questions (end-fed antenna)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-03 06:54:41 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 1156 Message: 1160

> http://www.n0lx.com/bm_vhf.html (shows PTT button on handlebar)

Here is the correct link to the PTT button I made up for the 706. It also shows the 2 meter colinear antenna I have tried.

The dilemma I have with 2 meters on the bike is this: My work schedule is 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. I very seldom find anyone on the radio at 5:15 in the morning - either simplex or repeaters - and by 6:00 that evening everyone is eating dinner and not on the radio here in Denver.

At least I can count on a few HF QSOs on the way home, and if I wound some coils for 40 meters, I could probably check in to a net in the morning.

Jake, N0LX

1161. Re: New Member with questions (end-fed antenna)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-13 15:48:30 UTC
From: bambazonke01
Topic: 1156 Message: 1161

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jake" <n0lx@...> wrote:

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> Jake, N0LX
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Hi Jake,
I appreciate your problem.
I installed 2 meters on my bike and regardless of the time I use it
cannot raise anyone either. I can hit several repeaters but activity
is sorely lacking. I'm currently looking at putting 40 Meters SSB on
the bike and am working on a voltage end fed antenna which would not
require a counterpoise or ground plane.
Jim VE3DDY

1162. Re: New Member with questions (end-fed antenna)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-13 17:40:33 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1156 Message: 1162

Jim, please keep us uptodate how the voltage end fed antenna project
is working. I am interested in either 40 or 30 meter operation from
the recumbent bike.
Lynn - KB3FN

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "bambazonke01" <jimandruth@...> wrote:
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> Jim VE3DDY
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1163. Re: New Member with questions (end-fed antenna)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-14 03:35:27 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1156 Message: 1163

> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jake" <n0lx@> wrote:
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> > Jake, N0LX
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Try calling on the Colorado Connection - In Denver you can hit it on
146.310 (-) with a 123Hz tone. I monitor in my truck all day and hear
folks on all day. The nice thing about the connection is that it gets
good coverage of most of the populated parts of the state. You can
find out more at www.colcon.org. If I'm near a radio when you call,
I'll be sure to answer, although the radio is still off at 5:00! :)

Eric
N3KQX

1164. New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-15 07:57:58 UTC
From: Conrad Cox
Topic: 963 Message: 1164

My name is Conrad and am glad to have found this group. I just bought a recumbent bike. As soon as learn how to ride it and am comfortable with it, I will want to mount a radio of some kind on it. I will be reviewing previous posts before I ask any questions.

Thanks,
Conrad

1165. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-15 13:08:17 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 963 Message: 1165

Welcome aboard, Conrad.

What is your QTH?

What brand of recumbent do you own.

At this point do you think you might be more
interested VHF/UHF or HF?

I think you'll be amazed at what some of these folks
are doing.

73 de Scott

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1166. RE: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-15 14:43:58 UTC
From: Conrad Cox
Topic: 963 Message: 1166

Hi, Scott,

I am in Livermore, CA. The recumbent is a discontinued brand, a Visions R-40. I bought it for next to nothing on a whim, thinking that if I liked the recumbent, I would upgrade to something better. While I am an avid bike rider, I have never tried a recumbent. Since I hold a Tech ticket, I will be sticking to VHF-UHF for now. I am studying for my General and hope to have that nailed by October and Pacificon, held here in the Bay Area.

I look forward to learning a lot from this group. When I start adding a radio to my bike, I will be sure to share my experiences.

Thanks,
Conrad Cox
conrad99@...
-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of scott laughlin
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2006 6:08 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1167. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-15 17:52:07 UTC
From: Len N9IJ
Topic: 963 Message: 1167

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> Conrad Cox
> conrad99@... <mailto:conrad99%40pacbell.net>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>
> [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>] On
> Behalf Of scott
> laughlin
> Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2006 6:08 AM
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> No virus found in this incoming message.
> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.10.1/389 - Release Date: 7/14/2006
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>>>>>>>>> Give yourself time to get used to the bent bike. It uses a
whole new group of muscles and you gotta think differently, i.e. be in a
good gear to restart after you stop! I have a Sun and really like it
though I don;t get much riding time.

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Len Revelle N9IJ
"My career goal is to retire"

1168. Re: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-19 04:16:15 UTC
From: Doug Jones
Topic: 963 Message: 1168

There is some truth to that. I have a 2003 (2002?) Bike-E CT and it
didn't take me too long to get used to it when I wasn't driving. I used
a twin-lean J-Pole taped to the flag stick with a VX-1 to do bicycle
mobile... at least, until the coax got caught on the pedal and ripped
the connector off. Live and learn....

Doug, N6LMX

Len N9IJ wrote:
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1169. HF Bike Mobile, FT-817, SuperAntennas MP1, MP2, etc. Re: New Member With Q

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-19 20:34:16 UTC
From: KQ6XA
Topic: 1154 Message: 1169

Hi Ken,

> Ken W3CAT wrote
> 1. It looks like a number of people put their ft817 radios in a
> handlebar bag with lots of padding. Has this created any overheating
> problems for the radio?

The FT-817 normally has no problem with overheating when used in bags and packs. Here are some photos of several highly successful HF Bike Mobile ops, including one of mine, using an FT-817 and SuperAntennas MP2 on a BikeE recumbent bike:

http://www.hflink.com/hfpack/moderators/#kq6xa

> 2. Has anyone had problems with long antennas and clearances?

It depends upon the tree branches where you ride. The longer the better... but there are limitations... 7ft-8ft is probably optimum. It helps to tilt the antenna backwards slightly, and to use sturdy mounting methods. Unlike vehicle mobile, the use of mobile mount springs can be counterproductive for Bike Mobile operation because the antenna tends to sway erratically back and forth when pedalling vigorously.

> 3. What kind of tuner are folks using?

Just about any lightweight small type of tuner will work fine. They are as varied as the number of bike mobile operators... but generally speaking, you are usually better off using a tuned whip antenna that does not require a tuner, if possible.

> 4. How well do hamsticks work on a bicycle? The Superantenna MP1?

I use hamsticks and they work fine, but limited to one band.

The Superantennas MP1 and MP2 are excellent for Bike Mobile, they are really much better suited to multi-band HF/VHF operation than hamsticks are.
http://superantennas.com

73---Bonnie KQ6XA

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1170. RE: [BMHA] New Member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-20 21:05:36 UTC
From: Conrad Cox
Topic: 963 Message: 1170

Doug, good to see that you are a member of this group. I may from time ask for your help at (Livermore Amateur Radio) Klub meetings.

Conrad Cox
conrad99@...
-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Doug Jones
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2006 9:16 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] New Member

There is some truth to that. I have a 2003 (2002?) Bike-E CT and it didn't take me too long to get used to it when I wasn't driving. I used a twin-lean J-Pole taped to the flag stick with a VX-1 to do bicycle mobile... at least, until the coax got caught on the pedal and ripped the connector off. Live and learn....

Doug, N6LMX

Len N9IJ wrote:
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This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.

Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for questions and/or suggestions.

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Yahoo! Groups Links

1171. Disabled Vet looking for suggestions on a Recumbent Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-21 04:02:08 UTC
From: George J. Santa Cruz
Topic: 1171 Message: 1171

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1172. Re: [BMHA] Disabled Vet looking for suggestions on a Recumbent Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-21 09:50:37 UTC
From: Chilcott
Topic: 1171 Message: 1172

George:

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http://flevofan.ligfiets.net/index.php?doc=ch4-02
http://www.bigha.com/index.php
http://www.volaerecumbents.com/
http://www.azub.cz/en/
http://bacchettabikes.com/index.html
http://ryanownersclub.com/vanguard/
http://ryanownersclub.com/scrapbook/tomrose/
http://www.longbikes.com/Reviews.html
http://www.bentrideronline.com/messageboard/archive/index.php/
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http://www.actionbent.com/
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http://www.flevobikeusa.com/
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http://www.springcreekrecumbents.com/
http://www.recumbentbicycles.net/news/May2006/bicycles-news-22May2006.html
http://www.barcroftcycles.com/index.html
http://www.bacchettabikes.com/community/teamb/article002.htm
http://www.trimuter.com/
http://bikerodnkustom2.homestead.com/cover3.html
http://www.rbr.info/
http://www.recumbent-bikes-truth-for-you.com/
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http://www.wisil.recumbents.com/wisil/whatsup.htm
http://www.optima-cycles.nl/
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http://1rw.freewebspace.com/
http://ebent.wordpress.com/ebent-philosophy/

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1173. Re: Disabled Vet looking for suggestions on a Recumbent Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-21 13:45:24 UTC
From: Ken Firestone
Topic: 1171 Message: 1173

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Chilcott <chilcott@...> wrote:
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Also check out http://bike123.com/ . Larry Black, the owner of Mt. Airy and College Park Bicycles, both in MD, has quite an interest in non traditional bikes.

They also have tandems, folding bikes, unicycles, etc.

Ken W3CAT

1174. Re: [BMHA] Disabled Vet looking for suggestions on a Recumbent Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-24 21:36:49 UTC
From: WN1Z
Topic: 1171 Message: 1174

George, i have the Sun EZ-3 SX (retail about $700) trike and am happy with it. Especially with the price, compared to other recumbents.

For the "low profile" you mentioned, i have a tall fiberglass pole with an orange flag & the American flag on it, which no doubt helps keep me visible.

I ride it around town; and part of my route home is on a dirt road which isn't recommended for these trikes but it's where i have to go. The derailleur hangs just inches above the ground, which means i have to be careful not to run over rocks or large potholes.

I have a 2m/440 ribbon j-pole taped to the fiberglass rod. Don't get a rod that has a metal joint in it, at least for vhf/uhf, as it may detune the antenna. Eventually i will make or buy a Hamstick or other short vertical, with a counterpoise wire trailing on the ground, to do HF, and mount it on the bike. (And i probably won't trail that wire behind me when i'm in town, in traffic !!)

As i recall the EZ-3-SX (hi-tensile steel) weighs 56 lbs. Then add several pounds to that (the behind-the-seat basket). The AX is only six pounds lighter. Several people have warned me against getting an aluminum-frame trike -- a two-wheeler aluminum might be OK, but that rear carriage gets stressed a lot, and if an aluminum weld cracks, it could be bloody hell re-welding it because of heat-treating issues. (Or maybe someone on BMHA has information contrary to what i've been told. If so, please comment.)

I'm not terribly worried about riding the trike on the street. But i don't think i want to take it out on the highway. I'd love to make a trip from Susanville CA here to Shingletown, maybe 80 miles distant, but that double-wide trike sticks out too far into the roadway and the shoulders of the roadway are DIRT, no fun to ride on. I'm not sure i'd even want to take a slender road bike on the highway for 80 miles. People do it all the time, and you PROBABLY won't get hit, but some years ago i met someone who got just about cremated while riding on a bike path IN TOWN and he really got crunched up. He can walk and work, but he's in constant pain all the time now.

My next recumbent, whenever that happens, is likely to be the Sun model that has two wheels, not 3, the rear wheel being 26" instead of 20", the front wheel 20" instead of 16", and a chrome-moly frame instead of high-tensile steel. It's retailing for just over $900 depending on the dealer...

orrin wn1z

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1175. Re: Disabled Vet looking for suggestions on a Recumbent Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-25 06:45:42 UTC
From: tyree_67
Topic: 1171 Message: 1175

I like my EZ-3 USX Trike I like the under the seat steering keeps your arms and hands more relaxed than the standard up right. Yes the Sun bicycles are cheaper than say Catrike but I'm a big man 300lbs 6ft tall. more expensive the bike it's lighter but like I said I don"t worry about speed. I ride anywhere from 50 to 150 miles a week, day, and night, city, and country only draw back yes they're heavy and long almost 7ft so if you have a small car you will need a trailer to haul it if you need too. I ride with a group from work the only recumbent in the group. We ride in a number of bike runs I'm always last to finish but I have alot of people who ask me about the Trike. I also like the Sun Tadpole if I ever sale mine I'll get the Tadpole it has two wheels in front and one in the rear. I hope this helps you. you should have enough onfo from all of us here to make a choice.

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1176. Re: Disabled Vet looking for suggestions on a Recumbent Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-25 22:46:56 UTC
From: bob mills
Topic: 1171 Message: 1176

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too many 'bike shops' fail to tweak a bike to a
customers needs. bob KE7HZB

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1177. Re: [BMHA] Re: Disabled Vet looking for suggestions on a Recumbent Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-26 02:46:09 UTC
From: Eric T Burris
Topic: 1171 Message: 1177

anyone in ks High Gear Cyclery at Emporia KS is supposed to be one of *_the_* best in KS. Many come from out of town for this one. Matt and Stephanie Brown, owners, will make the fit and will special order. scroll down to the bottom- http://www.emporia.edu/sbdc/stories.html <http://www.emporia.edu/sbdc/stories.htm>

have a blessed day,
Eric Burris
Website: Eric's World of Trains, Radio, Photos, and Christianity
http://blueangel-eric.tripod.com/

I know the Truth. Do you know the Truth? Who cares about the Truth? Lets just live in deception with a void of truth and good morals. If you look for the Truth hard enough you shall find it.

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1178. Wireless headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-27 17:19:54 UTC
From: antennaguy2
Topic: 1178 Message: 1178

Does anyone use a wireless headset for their bike-mounted radio? I currently use a Telex "Stinger" wired headset with my HT and it works very good, except that I have to be tethered to the radio & bike to use it. I have looked at the Jabra A210 Bluetooth adaptor, but the Jabra techs tell me that I have to use a Jabra Bluetooth headset with it. It would be nice to adapt my Stinger to Bluetooth, if at all possible.

1179. Re: [BMHA] Wireless headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-28 01:26:25 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1178 Message: 1179

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From: "antennaguy2"
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Sorry, can't help with that. I never used a "bike mounted radio". My radio
was always on my belt.
Tell me, how do you activate the PTT with your setup?

Richard Amirault N1JDU Boston,
MA, USA
n1jdu.org "Go Fly A Kite"

1180. Re: Wireless headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-28 03:02:41 UTC
From: antennaguy2
Topic: 1178 Message: 1180

The PTT switch is inline with the headset cord on the Stinger. For a wireless or Bluetooth headset, I would make a separate PTT switch for handlebar mounting. If I was building this from scratch, I would add a tone burst or sub-audible tone that could be sent from the headset and a tone decoder to trigger the PTT in the Bluetooth adaptor box.

Roger WB0DGF
Lincoln, NE
http://antennas.homestead.com

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1181. Re: Wireless headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-07-28 18:27:45 UTC
From: w0jrt
Topic: 1178 Message: 1181

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I've used a PTT switch mounted on the handlebar for use with my TH-D7. I currently use the wired Kenwood headset which I found works OK with a helmet. I, too, have been looking for a relatively inexpensive wireless headset that could be made to work with a TH-D7 or similar radio AND work OK with a helmet. Ideally it would permit a wired PTT switch to the radio so I could still use the handlebar mounted PTT but also have a PTT button on the headset for those times when I'm near but not on the bike.

-Jerome, W0JRT

1182. Re: Wireless headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-11 01:05:19 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1178 Message: 1182

I have been doing extensive research on this subject and have the following options:

1. Bluetooth - Jabra A210 adaptor used with std. Bluetooth headset or BT headset with headband (search HelloDirect website)

2. Infrared Headset - may have a problem using in direct sunlight

3. FRS radios - Motorola RealTree RT210 $50 per pair, w/VOX, etc.
- replace antennas with resistor to limit range to 3 feet (legal??)

4. 49 MHz headset - same problem with legality (FCC rule 97.113(e))
- fewer features

5. PMR446 (FRS type radio from Europe) - 446 MHz 500 mW, but only available in Europe

6. LPD433 (FRS type from Euro) - 433-434 MHz 10 mW, but only available in Europe (PMR/LPD duo)

7. SRD860 (FRS type from Euro) - 860 MHz 5 mW, Euro only

8. Forget about a wireless headset and buy a new lightweight HT that fits in one of the cycling jersey pockets, then mount a whip on top of the helmet. (I'd fit right in for Dayton!)

Right now I am leaning towards # 3 with the antenna replaced by a resistor. (or install a small antenna switch) Use VOX on the headset radio w/PTT switch for HT on handlebars. Use VOX for reverse path to headset. (wind noise might give VOX problems when transmitting) Place one FRS in jersey side pocket & other in modified water bottle in cage. I would rather use #5 or #6, but not sure how to purchase this stateside. Any ideas??

73 Roger WB0DGF
Lincoln, NE

1183. Re: [BMHA] Re: Wireless headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-11 03:00:42 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 1178 Message: 1183

Roger Cox wrote:
>
> I have been doing extensive research on this subject and have the
> following options:
>

Roger -
Not sure exactly why you need wireless only, but I abandoned the wireless approach for using my FT-817 on my recumbent in favor of the "in-ear" microphones that combines an earbud with a miniature accelerometer that picks up your voice via conduction. I bought it from some Asian outfit on eBay for about $40 and specified the Yaesu plug so it can also plug directly into my VX5R. Since I already had a Heil Traveler, I made a mating adapter cable with a 4-conductor inline jack so either headset is interchangable now with the FT-817. Audio from the ear-mic sounds good, and it leaves one ear (and part of the other) open for safety. And since there is only one thin cable and the ear-mic is easy on-off and doesn't interfere with my helmet, it met my objectives nicely without having to worry about maintaining another battery or two.

73, Bob W9RAN

1184. Re: [BMHA] Re: Wireless headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-11 03:13:33 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 1178 Message: 1184

I would be concerned with those FRS units that operate in frequency bands for which they are not permitted in the USA, no matter how low the power!

Small HTs, such as the Yaesu VX-5 get very warm (actually, HOT) while keyed down. Be careful of burns to the arm! I have used my HT, mounted in an older cell-phone cradle, secured with a pant leg strap and a J-Pole antenna (made from twin-lead) fastened to a fiberglass flagpole. Best performance of all.

Harry, WD9FYF

Roger Cox wrote:

> I have been doing extensive research on this subject and have the
> following options:
>
> 1. Bluetooth - Jabra A210 adaptor used with std. Bluetooth headset
> or BT headset with headband (search HelloDirect website)
>
> 2. Infrared Headset - may have a problem using in direct sunlight
>
> 3. FRS radios - Motorola RealTree RT210 $50 per pair, w/VOX, etc.
> - replace antennas with resistor to limit range to 3 feet (legal??)
>
> 4. 49 MHz headset - same problem with legality (FCC rule 97.113(e))
> - fewer features
>
> 5. PMR446 (FRS type radio from Europe) - 446 MHz 500 mW, but only
> available in Europe
>
> 6. LPD433 (FRS type from Euro) - 433-434 MHz 10 mW, but only
> available in Europe (PMR/LPD duo)
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>No virus found in this incoming message.
>Checked by AVG Free Edition.
>Version: 7.1.405 / Virus Database: 268.10.9/416 - Release Date: 8/10/2006
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1185. Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-11 09:41:09 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1185 Message: 1185

After reading Bob - W9RAN's recent post, I started to wonder just how many in the group have recumbent bikes. I am planning on getting my first bent soon after not riding for some 14 years. I believe the EZ-Sport is going to work for me.

Before any outlay of dollars, I would like to hear any suggestions the group may have. I am a 250 lb 64 year young ham that lives right at the connection of the C & O Canal Trail and the Great Allegheny Passage Rail-to-Trail. I have rented a EZ-Sport twice this summer. and I have fallen in love with bents.

Also I wonder what is the number of recumbent owners in this group. Might have been a poll question that I missed.

Tnx for any suggestions, Lynn - KB3FN

1186. Re: [BMHA] Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-11 10:48:55 UTC
From: Chilcott
Topic: 1185 Message: 1186

Lynn:

I don't have a recumbent now, but want one. I am leaning toward a short wheel base (and large wheel) bike. The Bacchetta or Rans has my interest for a light weight high performance bikes. But one thing I have learned is there are more recumbent options available than one would think. To help make sure you are aware of all the recumbent resources on the Internet, I will include a list of the links I have used in doing my research.

http://www.toxy.de/
http://www.bacchettabikes.com/community/teamb/article002.htm
http://www.ihpva.org/people/tstrike/bike.htm
http://www.recumbentusa.com/
http://www.manytracks.com/recumbent.htm
http://www.bicycleman.com/recumbents/lightning/lightning.htm
http://www.lightningbikes.com/p38.htm
http://www.eurosoccerblog.com/sports_soccer/Cycling/Comfort-Bikes.shtml
http://www.icehouse.net/jim_d/choose.html
http://www.wisil.recumbents.com/wisil/records/Fastest_one_hour2005.htm
http://www.actionbent.com/ASSEMBLY_MANUAL/ABHiRacer.htm
http://bacchettabikes.com/index.html
http://bike123.com/
http://www.tetcycles.com/
http://www.liggcykel.se/montypage.html
http://flevofan.ligfiets.net/index.php?doc=ch4-02
http://www.bigha.com/index.php
http://www.volaerecumbents.com/
http://www.azub.cz/en/
http://ryanownersclub.com/vanguard/
http://ryanownersclub.com/scrapbook/tomrose/
http://www.longbikes.com/Reviews.html
http://www.bentrideronline.com/messageboard/archive/index.php/
http://amlingscycle.com/index.cfm
http://www.actionbent.com/
http://www.bentechbikes.com/
http://www.flevobikeusa.com/
http://www.bentrideronline.com/
http://www.springcreekrecumbents.com/
http://www.recumbentbicycles.net/news/May2006/bicycles-news-22May2006.html
http://www.barcroftcycles.com/index.html
http://www.trimuter.com/
http://bikerodnkustom2.homestead.com/cover3.html
http://www.rbr.info/
http://www.recumbent-bikes-truth-for-you.com/

http://www.sunbicycles.com/sun/recumbents/ezSpeedster/ezSpeedster.htm
http://www.ransbikes.com/default.htm
http://www.easyracers.com/
http://www.hpvsupply.com/
http://www.recumbents.com/home.asp
http://members.shaw.ca/tknutt/bentlinks.htm
http://www.wisil.recumbents.com/wisil/whatsup.htm
http://www.optima-cycles.nl/
http://www.e-bent.com/
http://1rw.freewebspace.com/
http://ebent.wordpress.com/ebent-philosophy/

I hope this helps you and others.

73's

Bret
AC0AE

At 04:41 AM 8/11/2006, you wrote:

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1187. Re: [BMHA] Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-11 12:50:12 UTC
From: kc0pah
Topic: 1185 Message: 1187

>
> I am an bent rider in Columbia Mo, KC0PAH
>

your weight is no problem on an EZ I am just short of 300 lbs and have ridden mine weekly for over two years.

something i can suggest especially for men or larger frame is a set of Knee savers they are machined studs that widen your crank and pedal set. this mod helps with tendon and nee problems associated with pedaling a crank set that is narrower than your hips and normal leg travel.

http://www.bikemania.biz/KNEESAVER_PEDAL_EXTENDERS_p/bikescorknee.htm

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1188. Touring question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-11 14:43:11 UTC
From: Peter Wang
Topic: 1188 Message: 1188

I've always had the romantic notion that if you take an HT on a long-distance tour, that you could get on local repeaters as you make your way along, and line up a place in the backyard of a friendly local ham for you to pitch your tent, or maybe even get a meal and a shower if fortunate.

What I'd like to know is, does this actually work in practice? Do you actually manage to QSO with hams who are willing to assist you?

73,
Peter KF5ND

1189. Re: [BMHA] Touring question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-11 18:26:00 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1188 Message: 1189

You betcha!

I've ridden from Columbus to Chicago and back as well as to St. Louis and back 3 times and have had great experiences with helpful hams all along the way.

Most couldn't believe I was bicycle mobile and had to see for themselves.

Sometimes, I was invited home for a great dinner and bed and, of course, met wonderful families.

At other times, I got terrific recommendations for good places to eat and get a "cheap" room for the night.

On one occasion, I was invited to breakfast with the town fathers in the back room of a restaurant. I was as odd to them as they were to me. It was just great fun to be in a jersey and bibs and sitting with the suits of the town.

Life is good on the road with a 2 meter rig.

Venture out!

Go do it.

Best,

Bill
w8hi

On Aug 11, 2006, at 9:43 AM, Peter Wang wrote:

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> Peter KF5ND
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Bill
w8hi
Assistant Communications Director
GOBA@...

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1190. Re: [BMHA] Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-12 02:10:10 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 1185 Message: 1190

That's a great list Bret. Recumbents and trikes are a hotbed of innovation, literally hundreds of designs to choose from, plus lots of freedom to customize to suit your own taste and needs. And like this group, 'bent riders are by and large a helpful and enthusiastic bunch that will go out of their way to lend a hand or offer suggestions.

Let me add one more resource: http://www.bentrideronline.com/ You'll find loads of reviews and reference materials, then join the forum and fire away with any questions you may have.

I met several hams at the Midwest Recumbent Rally in Stevens Point WI last weekend, including a slick trike setup with APRS and solar battery charger. I took my FT-817 and hamstick along but never did put it on the bike - I was too busy riding ;-) 'Bents offer the cycling ham a couple of advantages - a more relaxed operating position, and at least with the longer frames, enough counterpoise to radiate effectively, at least on 20 meters an up.

73, Bob W9RAN

1191. Re: [BMHA] Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-12 07:06:03 UTC
From: Brian Vanderheyden
Topic: 1185 Message: 1191

Lynn,

I ride a Trek R-200 recumbent. No longer made, but still available on the used market (i.e. eBay). Haven't done any bike mobile hamming on the bent, but did on the "old-fashioned" safety bicycle(s)! Rig has been a 2M handheld (FT-530), on 12 volt gel-cell with a homemade 300 ohm twin lead J-pole attached to a fiberglass bike flag pole.

Brian
W0BEV

Lynn DeHart <ldehart@...> wrote:

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Might have been a poll question that I missed.

Tnx for any suggestions, Lynn - KB3FN

Do you Yahoo!?
Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail Beta.

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1192. Re: [BMHA] Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-12 20:20:14 UTC
From: Doug Jones
Topic: 1185 Message: 1192

I have a recumbent myself. It's a 2002 BikeE CT, and I've not ridden it for a few months because I need to replace the front shift cable. I haven't had time to repair it since we moved, but I'm hoping to have it ready sometime this fall.

Doug, N6LMX

Lynn DeHart wrote:
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1193. Re: Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-13 21:35:05 UTC
From: kd5fdw
Topic: 1185 Message: 1193

Another 'bent rider here.

I have a Bacchetta Strada (2003 model) that is the high performance steed of my stable...I've not considered operating ham on this bike--yet.

I also have a Cycle Genius (Sparrow is the closest to the model I have) that is a good "city" bike. Feet are closer to the ground than a high bottom bracket (high-racer) style bike. The CG could be comparable to the EZ-Sport. This would be the bike for ham ops for me.

Also have an EZ-Tandem. This would be a good bike for the stoker to operate radios while I focus on driving it.

Dave
nd4su

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Lynn DeHart" <ldehart@...> wrote:
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1194. Re: Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-13 20:13:52 UTC
From: John Mathieson
Topic: 1185 Message: 1194

I have a Rans Rocket that I have ridden for the past 5 years. Another fellow in our bike club has a Hulazak recumbent and plans to take an FT-817 with him on a long road trip. Recumbents are the only way to go IMHO.

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1195. Nice TH-D7A FS with Extras

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-14 12:21:37 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1195 Message: 1195

I have listed my TH-D7A on ebay. Lots of extras.
Tnx, Lynn - KB3FN

http://cm.ebay.com/cm/ck/1065-29296-2357-0?
uid=94645051&site=0&ver=LCA080805&item=140018509180&lk=ItemDescriptionAN
Dimage

1196. Re: Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-14 12:52:11 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1185 Message: 1196

A recumbent trike here, a Greenspeed GT-3. Only use 2M/440 at this time as antennas are in issue with where I ride. My current antenna (dual band antenna attached to a 1/4 inch flagpole) is only about 7' tall and I am constantly hitting tree limbs on the people trail I primarily use. But someday.....

John
K9JAD

1197. Re: Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-15 20:20:58 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1185 Message: 1197

I didnt realize you were at the rally...That makes 5 hams that I know of who made it there. I also had my radio with me but didnt bother setting it up for the same reason you didnt. Too busy riding and talking to the people there :)

I also met those 2 hams with the delta trikes. They were there last year too. At this rate perhaps the BMHA should make the rally as an unofficial meeting place for those of us in the WI region.

stephen kc9eku
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> 73, Bob W9RAN
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1198. Re: [BMHA] Re: Looking For Recumbent Info

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-16 01:57:24 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 1185 Message: 1198

shepner2000 wrote:
>
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> unofficial meeting place for those of us in the WI region.
>
Hi Stephen,

Sounds good! Having an excuse to play radio would be fun and a good way to demonstrate ham radio to other cyclists. In fact, wouldn't it be cool to have someone on the rides with APRS and a PC back at the rally showing their track in real time.

I hope this diversion into recumbents isn't too boring to our DF friends or others. Hate to admit it, but the 'bent riding population and the ham population are about the same shade of "gray" - maybe this is a way to get more younger cyclists AND hams excited about this unique combination of hobbies.

73, Bob W9RAN

1199. EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-20 18:31:12 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1199 Message: 1199

You are welcome to join this much needed Yahoo Group.

This is a group that Sun EZ-Sport aficionados can share all the pluses and those few minuses of this fine cycle.

This forum is for the sharing of ideas of modifications, add-ons, accessories and interesting rides that may be of help to others

The retro styling of the EZ Sport brings back the nostalgia of the 50's and 60's combined with excellent handling and maneuverability and may be the most user-friendly of all recumbents.

1200. Re: [BMHA] EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-21 21:20:45 UTC
From: WN1Z
Topic: 1199 Message: 1200

On 8/20/06, Lynn DeHart <ldehart@...> wrote:
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I have a Sun EZ3-SX does this qualify? Or is EZ-Sport a
particular model?

orrin wn1z

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http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=wn1z&radar=***&terra=8&topo=2

http://www1.findu.com/cgi-bin/raw.cgi?call=wn1z

1201. RE: [BMHA] EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-21 21:52:26 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1199 Message: 1201

The EZ-Sport is a two wheel LWB Bike made by Sun.
Take a look at the Yahoo site.
Lynn - KB3FN

> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of
> WN1Z
> Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 5:21 PM
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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are
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1202. RE: [BMHA] EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-22 02:46:27 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1199 Message: 1202

This group is about radio/bikes. If you're a ham and
you ride a bike you should fit right in.

Scott, N7NET

Do You Yahoo!?
Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
http://mail.yahoo.com

1203. RE: [BMHA] EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-22 17:27:30 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1199 Message: 1203

I really don't see the purpose of another group. All those discussions fit right in here whether or not you are a ham. Thank you for the invite but I will not be joining yet another group that duplicates efforts especially when the traffic is already fairly sparse on this group.

Earl - N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Lynn DeHart
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 4:52 PM
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Yahoo! Groups Links

1204. Re: [BMHA] EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-22 18:28:14 UTC
From: Len N9IJ
Topic: 1199 Message: 1204

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Len Revelle N9IJ
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1205. RE: [BMHA] EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-08-22 19:49:06 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1199 Message: 1205

Tnx for your post Len. That is exactly what my intent was.
Lynn - KB3FN (A ham and EZ-Sport owner)

> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Len
> N9IJ
> Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2006 2:28 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: Re: [BMHA] EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up
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> S. Earl Jarosh wrote:
> >
> > I really don't see the purpose of another group. All those
> discussions fit
> > right in here whether or not you are a ham. Thank you for the
> invite but I
> > will not be joining yet another group that duplicates efforts especially
> > when the traffic is already fairly sparse on this group.
> >
> > Earl - N0HZ
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> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>] On
> > Behalf Of Lynn
> > DeHart
> > Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 4:52 PM
> > To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > Subject: RE: [BMHA] EZ-Sport Yahoo Group Starting Up
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> > The EZ-Sport is a two wheel LWB Bike made by Sun.
> > Take a look at the Yahoo site.
> > Lynn - KB3FN
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> > [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>]On
> Behalf Of
> > > WN1Z
> > > Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 5:21 PM
> > > To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>
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1206. Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-17 22:17:15 UTC
From: Stan
Topic: 1206 Message: 1206

Last month I purchased a nifty Trek 7300 comfort/hybrid bicycle from the local bike shop. With the rising gas prices and wanting some exercise, I decided a bike was the way to go. I have a pretty short 1.5 mile one-way trip to work, so it's really not too shabby. Since I've been riding, I've missed my ham radio activities. My car has a old 25w - 2m mobile rig attached to a Tinytrak 3 tracker unit which works really well for APRS. Last week I decided to purchase a Garmin GPS 60CSX GPS unit and Kenwood D7A for my bike. (I could have went cheaper with the GPS, but I wanted a unit I could use for other activities as well as getting the very sensitive Sirf3 chipset.) I found an interface cable to connect the two devices together as well as a ram mount for the D7A.

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Is anyone else successfully using a D7A on their bike to get into the local digipeaters? (that is without using an external 10ft antenna on the back of their bike!) ;) If so, what kind of setup are you using? Thanks!! 73..

Stan, K9SWX

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1207. Re: [BMHA] Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 03:15:04 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1206 Message: 1207

Stan,

You have done a fine job mounting. It looks very impressive.

If you're in a metro area there may be lot of competition with more power than you have--not saying you can't hit a digi with your signal. But you'll loose (or is it lose) one or two DBs if you use a 90 degree connector. I think it's too big a price to pay when you have limited power. I would add a little more coax so you can make a nice smooth curve back to the radio.

With both a new radio and antenna, you may want to increase the beacon rate, at least until you're satisfied you're hitting the box.

My QTH is north of Dallas 27 miles and sometimes there are as many as 100 stations competing for a digi. I use a Tiny Tracker and an ancient Radio Shack HT 202 with 5 watts to an the antenna. It seems to work. It's N7NET-6.

73 de Scott

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1208. Re: [BMHA] Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 09:40:10 UTC
From: n9ij@comcast.net
Topic: 1206 Message: 1208

---------- Original message ----------
From: "Stan" <k9swx@...>

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> local digipeaters? (that is without using an external 10ft antenna on
> the back of their bike!) ;) If so, what kind of setup are you using?
> Thanks!! 73..
>
> Stan, K9SWX
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Stan,
When I ride my recumbent I routinely use my D7ag/Fortrex to access digi's in Chicago's far north 'burbs. I have a mirror antenna mount on the top of my seat back with an NMO mount for various dual band antennas. I prefer my Larson but have used a Comet as well.. I carry both in a backpack that is attached to the seat back as well.

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1209. RE: [BMHA] Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 10:43:06 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1206 Message: 1209

Stan, a couple of points to consider:

1) Yes, changing the antenna to vertical will make a significant improvement in your signal. Unless you could convince the digi owner to switch his antenna over to horizontal . Nah, just move yours!

2) How far away is the digi? If it□s more than 5-8 miles, you□re going to have a tough time getting into it with just a rubber duck, especially if it□s a busy digi. My local digi is only about 6 miles away, but it hears my HT only about 10% of the time. Due to all the other traffic it□s hearing, my 5 watts has a tough time getting in.

3) You may want to consider putting a ½ wave roll-up J-pole on the bike (or another ½ wave style antenna). I have one mounted on a bike flag pole. It waves back and forth some during hard climbs, but it works wonders for my signal.

Sam KD4SHK

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Stan
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 6:17 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Kenwood D7A bicycle help

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local bike shop. With the rising gas prices and wanting some exercise, I
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Thanks!! 73..

Stan, K9SWX

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1210. Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 12:42:46 UTC
From: Stan
Topic: 1206 Message: 1210

Scott,

> You have done a fine job mounting. It looks very
> impressive.

Thanks for the kind words! Everyone has always recommended the ram mounts so that's what I got for the HT. The GPS is just using the Garmin handlebar mount which seems pretty secure.

> If you're in a metro area there may be lot of
> competition with more power than you have--not saying
> you can't hit a digi with your signal. But you'll
> loose (or is it lose) one or two DBs if you use a 90
> degree connector. I think it's too big a price to pay
> when you have limited power. I would add a little
> more coax so you can make a nice smooth curve back to
> the radio.

Yeah, I need every ounce of signal I can get out with just 5w. I figured adding another connector would cause increased loss.

> With both a new radio and antenna, you may want to
> increase the beacon rate, at least until you're
> satisfied you're hitting the box.

I've got it on the 2-min beacon rate at the moment, though I guess trying 1-min wouldn't be too bad just to experiment with. I just don't want to cause any interference to other stations by beaconing so much.

> My QTH is north of Dallas 27 miles and sometimes there
> are as many as 100 stations competing for a digi. I
> use a Tiny Tracker and an ancient Radio Shack HT 202
> with 5 watts to an the antenna. It seems to work.
> It's N7NET-6.

What sort of antenna do you have for that tracker? I started off with an old Icom 2AT for the car which was ok until I got out of town, then the 1.5w just wasn't enough. ;) Now the car is on a 25w mobile which seems to do pretty well. Thanks for the info! 73..

Stan, K9SWX

1211. Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 12:52:05 UTC
From: Stan
Topic: 1206 Message: 1211

Sam,

> 1) Yes, changing the antenna to vertical will make a
> significant improvement in your signal. Unless you could
> convince the digi owner to switch his antenna over to
> horizontal . Nah, just move yours!

LOL, I don't think that is going to happen. With the ram mount being so easily adjusted, I will try different positions and see if any yield better results. I think I now understand the one D7A which was mounted on the front side of the handlebars, the antenna was pointing straight up in the air. I guess I could always throw it in the back bag too, though the GPS cable isn't long enough to reach that far. :)

> 2) How far away is the digi? If it's more than 5-8 miles,
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> digi is only about 6 miles away, but it hears my HT only
> about 10% of the time. Due to all the other traffic it's
> hearing, my 5 watts has a tough time getting in.

From the home QTH it's 6.3 miles to the north. Of course my work QTH is south of there, so that doesn't help my cause. I figured one of the fill-in home stations would hear me and send me to the I-gate, but that hasn't happened yet.

> 3) You may want to consider putting a ½ wave roll-up J-pole
> on the bike (or another ½ wave style antenna). I have one
> mounted on a bike flag pole. It waves back and forth some
> during hard climbs, but it works wonders for my signal.

Yeah, that is my next option. My only concern (other than spending more $$$) is breaking it when getting on/off the bike. I was considering using the same antenna that I have on my car (Comet CA2X4SR) since it's 1/2wave on both 2m and 70cm, but it's not a whip so it might snap or take some abuse from low-hanging tree branches when riding on sidewalks. I guess I could settle for a 2m only whip and switch to the HT antenna if I wanted to do 70cm. Or I could build something away from the rack that gives me enough clearance so my clumsy feet wouldn't hit the antenna when getting on/off the bike. Lot of options, just need to find the right one for my situation. :)

Thanks for the info, 73!

Stan, K9SWX

1212. Re: [BMHA] Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 14:58:16 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1206 Message: 1212

Hi Stan,

The YL and I are crowding 70, so we don't ride as hard or as far as we once did. We ride a Burley Samba, and pull a Bike Friday cargo trailer with a small Action Packer bolted to the frame. I flush mounted an old 5/8 vertical to the lid.

We live about 2 miles from a Neighborhood WalMart, so we go there for milk and bread. Our daughter can check Findu and see where we are.

Saturday I slipped the tiny trak into my pickup and went to a storage facility north of our QTH. I cut the power while I was there, and that's why N7NET-6 is where it is.

Ride safe,

Scott

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1213. RE: [BMHA] Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 16:32:31 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1206 Message: 1213

Stan,

What is the mount that you are using to hold the HT. I currently use a old RS bike holder with a built in bungee for my TH79a but it is starting to wear out. If you go to the Files section on the Yahoo Group you can see several photos of my bike and the mounting. Keep in mind that ground independent antenna is best for a bicycle.

Earl N0HZ

1214. RE: [BMHA] Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 17:46:45 UTC
From: Stan Olson
Topic: 1206 Message: 1214

RE: [BMHA] Kenwood D7A bicycle helpEarl,

The D7A is 2-piece Ram Mount setup. Here's the numbers:D7A Radio CradleRAM-HOL-KE1U
http://www.gpscity.com/item-ram-mount-kenwood-th-d7-handheld-radio-cradle/ramholke1.htmU-bolt w/3" arm
RAM-B-149U
http://www.gpscity.com/item-ram/ramb149.htm

Both parts came from GPS City and I've included links to their site for each part. Hope that helps, 73!

Stan, K9SWX

-----Original Message-----

From: "S. Earl Jarosh"

Sent: Mon, 18 September 2006 11:32:31 AM

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com

Subject: RE: [BMHA] Kenwood D7A bicycle help

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1215. Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-18 18:08:59 UTC
From: Stan
Topic: 1206 Message: 1215

The D7A is 2-piece Ram Mount setup. Here's the numbers:

D7A Radio Cradle
RAM-HOL-KE1U
http://www.gpscity.com/item-ram-mount-kenwood-th-d7-handheld-radio-cradle/ramholke1.htm

U-bolt w/3" arm
RAM-B-149U
http://www.gpscity.com/item-ram/ramb149.htm

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for each part. Hope that helps, 73!

Stan, K9SWX

1216. Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-19 02:37:33 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1206 Message: 1216

I posted my pix of my TM-D700 bag mounted on the back of my road bike, but I also used the same antenna with my D7. You get a few strange looks, but the silver antenna (Diamond NR-770HA) looks OK and it works like a champ. The mount is a stick on mount from Diamond, with a UHF connector, and a long piece of RG-174. It also terminates in a SMA connector which works great with an HT.

When hiking or skiing, I use an old MFJ antenna simular to the one you are looking at for bike mobile. I tried it for a while on the bike with the D7 without much success.

Most of the time, I think the problem was picket fencing while moving. The little bit of gain with the NR-770 must make a big difference.

Eric

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1217. Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-19 13:27:12 UTC
From: Stan
Topic: 1206 Message: 1217

Eric,

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> connector, and a long piece of RG-174. It also terminates in a SMA
> connector which works great with an HT.

Holy cow, a D700A on a bike! That's awesome!! :) That antenna looks nice on the back, what mount is it? Also, do you have any issues hitting the antenna with your feet when getting on/off the bike?

> When hiking or skiing, I use an old MFJ antenna simular to the one you
> are looking at for bike mobile. I tried it for a while on the bike
> with the D7 without much success.

Yeah, I tried again this morning in the 40 degree ride to work with 1-min transmission rates. I didn't make it in once, very frustrating. Last night I stood on my patio holding the HT straight up and down and was able to make it in several times, so at least if I'm standing still I can hit it. I think the only way will be to go with an external antenna.

> Most of the time, I think the problem was picket fencing while moving.
> The little bit of gain with the NR-770 must make a big difference.

That's not a bad looking antenna. I'd be torn on whether to get that one or spend $10 more and get the Comet CA2X4SR like I use on my car. The only difference I really see is that the NR-770 is 1/2 on 2m & 5/8 on 70cm whereas the CA2X4SR is 1/2 on 2m and 1/2 on 70cm. Either one would probably be just fine for APRS usage on 2m. The mount I was looking at getting would be the Diamond K540KM which should fit on my rack on the back.

Thanks for the info! 73..

Stan, K9SWX

1218. Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-19 15:20:53 UTC
From: w0jrt
Topic: 1206 Message: 1218

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Stan" <k9swx@...> wrote:
> Yeah, I tried again this morning in the 40 degree ride to work with
> 1-min transmission rates. I didn't make it in once, very frustrating.
> Last night I stood on my patio holding the HT straight up and down and
> was able to make it in several times, so at least if I'm standing still
> I can hit it. I think the only way will be to go with an external
> antenna.

I took this approach, too. I ended up with a Comet SBB-25 on a homebrew mount attached to my Jandd Expedition rack and find that it works quite well. It's a bit long, though (56"), and yes, once I broke it while mounting. Other than that it's served me well. I mostly use it while commuting. Since I store my bike in the building at work I use the fold-over feature (which most mobile antennas have these days) to make it a bit easier to get it in and out of the building.

-Jerome
W0JRT-4

1219. Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-19 15:54:41 UTC
From: Stan
Topic: 1206 Message: 1219

Jerome,

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> these days) to make it a bit easier to get it in and out of the
building.

Yeah, that one is a tad long and it only does 2m. (though that's
probably all I'd really need for APRS) I'm curious to find out what
model # mounts that other's are using. I don't want to buy the wrong one
for my bike and be stuck with a $60-70 useless mount. :) Thanks for the
info, 73!

Stan, K9SWX

1220. eTrex handlebar mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-20 19:16:58 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1220 Message: 1220

I disagree - the standard Garmin handlebar mount is
NOT very secure. I have had two eTrex's and one Rino
tossed to the pavement (both survived). Now I always
tether the unit to the handlebar and use even use a
cable tie around the mount AND handlebar when I expect
on rough roads.

BTW my D7 mount is merely a hose clamp around the top
tube, just behind the stem. It goes through the belt
loop on Kenwood's nylon D7 case.

74, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

1a.
Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help
Posted by: "Stan"
k9swx@...
k9swx Mon Sep 18, 2006
7:32 am (PST) Scott,

> You have done a fine job mounting. It looks very
> impressive.

Thanks for the kind words! Everyone has always
recommended the ram
mounts so that's what I got for the HT. The GPS is
just using the Garmin
handlebar mount which seems pretty secure.

1221. Re: Kenwood D7A bicycle help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-09-22 13:02:56 UTC
From: Stan
Topic: 1206 Message: 1221

Well I couldn't take it anymore and decided to order an external antenna and mount for my bike. I chose the Diamond K540KM mirror mount which goes on the back of the rack. The antenna is a Comet CA2X4SR which is a 1/2 wave 3.8db gain on 2m and 1/2 wave 6.2db gain on 70cm. It showed up yesterday and I wanted to wait to get home to install it. Unfortunately I could only get the mount in the bag on the bike, so the antenna had to stay at work. However, I have the same model antenna on the car so I decided to just put that one on the bike and put the new one on the car.

So after spending about an hour and a half installing the antenna and running the coax on the bike, I flipped on the GPS and D7A. I hit the beacon button and all of a sudden it beeped and said 'my position'!! I did it again just for kicks and got right in again. I rode around the block and got in several times, even my status text of 'bicycle mobile' made it in! Talk about an excited puppy! I was also able to key up several 70cm repeaters 30-40 miles away, so that was sweet too. I guess all I need to do now is look into an external battery that will allow me to power the D7A for awhile so I can bypass the internal battery. I'll work on that next year. ;) I'm just happy to have something that actually works now on the bike.

Unfortunately the weather was too crappy today to ride to work (calling for severe storms with tornadoes), so hopefully next week I can ride a few days before it gets too cold. Thanks to all for the help along the way, I greatly appreciate it. I will take some pictures next week for those interested. 73!

Stan, K9SWX
K9SWX-7 - D7A-Bicycle Mobile
K9SWX-9 - Tinytrak3 - Car

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1222. HI....from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-13 03:06:13 UTC
From: Budd
Topic: 1222 Message: 1222

W3FF here. Been a ham forever it seems.....since 1954. And have been playing with portable antennas for quite some time now.

Recently my son purchased a recumbent trike for me for HF'ing, and it's up and running. It's a Lightfoot Cycle from MT.

Any chance of a sked with any of the HF bike mobile guys? Is there a frequency that is more active than other frequencies, say on 17 or 20 or 40 Meters, CW or SSB? Right now the HFPack frequencies of 18157.5 Khz and 14342.5 Khz are where you will find me daily. But what a hoot on 60 Meters.....lots of consistent Q's from this Northern CA location. 5371.5 Khz.

Thanks for letting me in the group.

Budd

1223. RE: [BMHA] HI....from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-13 13:56:12 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1222 Message: 1223

Welcome Budd.

Now you know why a recumbent biker always has a smile on his face. You will have to try the
new http://www.atatrail.org/ when are back home in Western PA.

BTW folks, if you didn't recognize W3FF, Buff is the inventor-supplier of the very popular Buddipole antenna system.
As well, he is a great guy. It is good to see that he is moving up from golf carts to recumbent bikes.

Lynn - B3FN

> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of
> Budd
> Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2006 10:06 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] HI....from a new member
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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are
> moderated to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and
> responses to such posts will be deleted.
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> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com
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1224. Re: HI....from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-16 04:34:50 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1222 Message: 1224

Budd,

Great to see you are on a recumbent trike. I hope you like it as much as mine which is a Trice XLNT. I am capable of HF on the trike, just need to see which antenna to use. I prefer to use a setup that is true Tricycle mobile, i.e. being able to ride and transmit at the same time. Don't have to ride far but at least be a true mobile.

My guess is that 17 meters is best and I will start listening this weekend to see how propation is between Nebraska and California.

Is there a time you prefer to give it a try? I unfortunately still work 8-5 M-F Central time but can be free any weekend. I am also available over the Thanksgiving Holiday including that Friday.

I don't know if this would be the first trike-trike contact but it is, so much the better.

Mike, NF0N

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1225. Re: HI....from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-16 04:35:59 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1222 Message: 1225

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1226. HI Mike and Ron and Rem and Lynn and Ed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-16 16:47:51 UTC
From: W3FF@aol.com
Topic: 1226 Message: 1226

Guys, thanks for the quick response to my post on being a new member.

I'm active daily from the trike. Normally on 18157.5 Khz and 14342.5 Khz. But in the early evenings, just at dusk, when it's not raining, there is a lot of activity on 60 Meters, and that's the band of choice. 5371.5 Khz USB of course.

Last night in a quick ride, New Mexico, MT, CA and UT were worked from Northern CA, I heard TX and KS stations, but did not get answers from them. I have heard one G station from my previous mountain bike setup, but he was working the USA East Coast.

This weekend, on Saturday, it is predicted to be clear, so I'll charge up the AGM battery and take off to my favorite haunt, a walking/biking preserve about a mile and a half from home.

Ron Baran, W9XS, and I have had bike to bike Q's in the past. He's the most active HFPack bike mobile I have encountered. When I get on the bands, his call comes up the most. Joe, W5SAN, has been on the air for years from TX, of course, and is on the Steering Committee for HFPack. Rem, K6BBQ, is a friend and HFPacker, but we are too close (200 miles) to make Q's on the HF Bands.

I'm a ham first. You guys are head and shoulders above me and my riding skills. The trike makes it very comfortable and convenient to enjoy both hobbies.

Mike, when is the BMHA presentation at Dayton this year? I never got away from my son's antenna biz to make it in 2006. Didn't see even one seminar.

Budd

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1227. Increasing bike mobile activity across the country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-17 19:25:40 UTC
From: 3 wheel BBQ Piggy
Topic: 1227 Message: 1227

Hi,

I have been on this list for a year or two. I have never been to Dayton but understand you have your annual
gathering there. That seems like a great way for members to get together.

However, I notice the online activity isn't large.

I would like to see what hams here think about BMHA starting regional chapters across the country.

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Someone in San Francisco could start a chapter there, and likewise in Sacramento, etc.

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What does everyone think about this?

Can you give us a green light to do this?

73

Rem aka 3 Wheel BBQ Piggy
K 6 B B Q / HF Tricycle Mobile

1228. Re: HI....from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-19 03:14:30 UTC
From: Luis
Topic: 1222 Message: 1228

Hey Budd,

Welcome aboard. I, too, am a recumbent rider (Easy Racers Sport) and I love it. Currently I am bicycle mobile on VHF, although I am HF capable. Now that I have a new camera, I will soon upload pictures. Welcome aboard and best of 73!

Luis KD5KJD

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1229. RE: [BMHA] Increasing bike mobile activity across the country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-21 12:34:23 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1227 Message: 1229

Rem,

That sound great to me, let's go for it. There are some members of BMHA in California, in fact our Webmaster is from Sunnyvale

Anything that spurs activity on this site and the BMHA website is welcomed.

Let us know about any activity and be sure to get in an upcoming web newsletter. Some changes to BMHA are coming and your new chapter news could be a part of this.

Mike, NF0N

BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Nickolaus

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(402) 494-6070

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Amateur Radio - NF0N

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of 3 wheel BBQ Piggy
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2006 7:26 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Increasing bike mobile activity across the country

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1230. My First HF Tricycle Mobile Contact

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-28 23:06:05 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1230 Message: 1230

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If weather is halfway decent this weekend I will try again from one of the roads or trails here in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Listen for me on 18.157.5 in the afternoon between football games. If you hear me at all give me at least a report. This may be catching if I don't watch out.

Are there any other Tricycle mobiles out there that would like a contact or make a schedule for an HF contact?

73-Mike NF0N

BMHA Secretary/Treasure
FT-817
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and other bicycles

1231. My First HF Tricycle Mobile Contact

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-28 23:08:08 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1230 Message: 1231

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1232. Re: My First HF Tricycle Mobile Contact

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-28 23:09:46 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 1230 Message: 1232

I was so excited I had the date wrong. It was actually November 25, 2006.

Mike

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1233. Mike, funny you asked.....

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-11-29 15:53:49 UTC
From: W3FF@aol.com
Topic: 1233 Message: 1233

In a message dated 11/29/2006 3:23:21 AM Pacific Standard Time,
BMHA@yahoogroups.com writes:

1a. My First HF Tricycle Mobile Contact
Posted by: "nf0n" nf0n@... nf0n
Date: Tue Nov 28, 2006 3:07 pm ((PST))

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I am ready ! Post here before you go out on your ride. I will take my trike and join you. Am looking forward to it.

Good show on the Q with my buddy Bill in Florida. He and son Chris and I are good friends. We started with the homebrew dipole and he became an expert in making them there at his home. Bill then went on to teach kids about ham radio. He uses the little dipole to explain how antennas work.

AND congratulations on that contact. What a hoot. Wish I would have been monitoring. GOOD show.

Now we're heating up !

Rem.....Ron.....can you guys consider a sked?

Budd
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1234. OT choices?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-12-18 22:12:39 UTC
From: dazcaz
Topic: 1234 Message: 1234

Hi gang... I don't know where else to ask, so as you are all cyclists
I thought that I'd ask here...

I've just had my 2006 Specialized Sirrus Sports Disc stolen.... It's
really p****d me off!
The insurance company have two bikes to offer me.

1) Specialized Sirrus Elite
2) Giant CRS 1.0

They are both similar spec, both hybrids. The giant leans towards the
mountain bike side, the Specialized toward the road side.
The Giant is probably higher spec (slightly) but it's components are
designed for off road.

The bike is my main form of transport. I only use the car when the
bike would be too impractical. Passengers etc :)
Daily 3 mile each way commute to work.
Tons of milage around the city just for fun/excersize.
A bit of track and trail with the family on weekends.

I do have another older bike which is geared more towards the ATB
side, but it's still very much a commuter bike.

Whichever bike is chosen it will have a rear rack fitted for Luggage
and antenna.

I'm leaning towards the Specialized, as it was a Specialized bike that
it's replacing. I'm not sure that I like the Giant's fatter tubing.
It took me monts to decide which bike to buy, now I have to make the
decision again. The CRS 1.0 was on the short list last time.
According to the Specialized website, the Elite is one model up from
the Sports disc. Neither of the new options have discs. The old bike's
disc were Avid 5 cable.

What do you guys think?
Do you know any bike review forums I could ask on?
I need to decide soon as the faster I inform the insurance company of
my decision, the faster I get my new bike.

Thanks for allowing my OT question.

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk

1235. Re: OT choices?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-12-23 00:02:11 UTC
From: dazcaz
Topic: 1234 Message: 1235

Thanks for the replies sent direct. Much appreciated.

As I was dithering, the company dealing with my insurance claim phoned me to say that had in stock A 2007 specialized Sirrus Comp.
This bike is 2 notches up the scale to my stolen bike.
They said that I could have it for and extra 50 quid on top of my 100 quid excess.
They also said that they could deliver it before christmas.
It arrived today!!! :)
It's a cracking it of kit. Carbon fibre forks, seat stay and seat post, superb wheels, Silky smooth SRAM cassette... A really nice bit of kit and a large improvement over my stolen bike. It even came with the Topeak rack fitted as I had a Topeak MTX bag , and a new Specialized Turbo Elite computer, as I had lost the bracket for my old one.. I had the computer but no bracket.

I'm really pleased. I'd go as far to say that the thief has done me a favour. I've got a far better bike, lots of goodies, a great lock (thrown in for free) and I'll be having a very happy christmas!

This new bike is black too so coax cables will be less visable :)
I'll have to check that the rear rack is bolted to metal and not CF before fitting antennas :)

Thanks again for all the input to my original post.

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC
daz(at)ft-817.co.uk

1236. Re: OT choices?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-12-23 02:10:37 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1234 Message: 1236

You really sound pleased. If you, the owner, is pleased, it has to be a good deal. And just before Christmas, too. It doesn't get much better.

72 de Scott in Texas

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> I'm really pleased. I'd go as far to say that the thief has done me a
> favour. I've got a far better bike, lots of goodies, a great lock
> (thrown in for free) and I'll be having a very happy christmas!
>
> This new bike is black too so coax cables will be less visable :)
> I'll have to check that the rear rack is bolted to metal and not CF
> before fitting antennas :)
>
> Thanks again for all the input to my original post.
>
> Darren
> GW7HOC MW5HOC
> daz(at)ft-817.co.uk
>

1237. Re: OT choices?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2006-12-23 02:11:09 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1234 Message: 1237

You really sound pleased. If you, the owner, is pleased, it has to be a good deal. And just before Christmas, too. It doesn't get much better.

72 de Scott in Texas

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "dazcaz" <gw7hoc@...> wrote:
>
> Thanks for the replies sent direct. Much appreciated.
>
> As I was dithering, the company dealing with my insurance claim phoned
> me to say that had in stock A 2007 specialized Sirrus Comp.
> This bike is 2 notches up the scale to my stolen bike.
> They said that I could have it for and extra 50 quid on top of my 100
> quid excess.
> They also said that they could deliver it before christmas.
> It arrived today!!! :)
> It's a cracking it of kit. Carbon fibre forks, seat stay and seat
> post, superb wheels, Silky smooth SRAM cassette... A really nice bit
> of kit and a large improvement over my stolen bike. It even came with
> the Topeak rack fitted as I had a Topeak MTX bag , and a new
> Specialized Turbo Elite computer, as I had lost the bracket for my old
> one.. I had the computer but no bracket.
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1238. Water Bottle Battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-02-01 20:56:46 UTC
From: w9jwt
Topic: 1238 Message: 1238

I hope this isn't old news ... 'did a search and no matches showed up.
I just ordered a 13.2V, 5AH NiMH battery pack from
www.batteryspace.com. The pack is built into a 700 ml bottle that fits
into a standard bottle cage. With AC smart charger, in-line
fuse/breaker, 4-foot coil cord, and battery temperature sensor
(for the charger) it came to $70. Their part no. is CHUN-168C09.

Now if I can defrost that FT-817 ...

73 de Dave,
W9JWT

1239. Re: [BMHA] Water Bottle Battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-02-02 06:53:35 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 1238 Message: 1239

Did the product state the discharge rate that resulted in this A-H rating? these manufacturers will do most anything to demonstrate their "numbers".

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

w9jwt wrote:
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>
> 73 de Dave,
> W9JWT
>
>

1240. RE: [BMHA] Water Bottle Battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-02-02 16:59:50 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1238 Message: 1240

What a great idea. I guess I will have to build one.

Minus 1 degree F and counting here in Mpls.

Earl
N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Harry G. Seyfert
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2007 12:54 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Water Bottle Battery

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1241. Re: Water Bottle Battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-02-02 13:08:37 UTC
From: w9jwt
Topic: 1238 Message: 1241

Harry, the batteries are built for bike headlights. The only
discharge info they give is as follows:

13 Watts 5.0 hrs
15 Watts 4.0 hrs
10 Watts 6.5 hrs

I don't know if that is tested or just calculated based on the cell
ratings. The batteries are constructed from 11 1.2V
5000mA "Powerizer" (tabbed) NiMH C cells. The in-line fuse
(polyswitch) is rated at 7 Amps.

Their site list many other batteries (NiMN, NiCd, Li-Ion) and many
sizes of individual cells. And chargers and dischargers. And other
neat stuff. (Nope, I don't work for 'em! I just liked the idea of
the water bottle packaging.)

73,
Dave, W9JWT

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1242. Announcing the 17th Annual Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-02-08 01:15:13 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1242 Message: 1242

Dayton Hamvention 2007 BMHA Forum

The 17th Annual BMHA (Bicycle Mobile Hams of America) forum will be held at the Dayton Hamvention on Sunday May 20th, 2007. Russ Dwarshuis, KB8U, will be forum moderator and speaker.

Our special Guest speaker is:

Budd Drummond, W3FF. Budd is well known for Buddipole Antennas, a manufacturer of lightweight, versatile hf portable dipole antenna and vertical antenna systems for amateur radio.

Other speakers are Russ Dwarshuis, KB8U and Norm Huber, N9ZKS.

Room details and forum time will be posted on the BMHA website: www.lafetra.com/bmha and the BMHA Yahoo Group as they become available.

1243. Dayton 2007 BMHA Forum Times

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-01 02:46:22 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1243 Message: 1243

It's official, we have been confirmed.

Date: May 20, 2007
Time: 8:15-10:00 am
Room: 2

As announced earlier, our featured speaker is Budd, W3FF, who will be showing pictures of bicycle mobile setups including his own.

Budd would welcome pictures and a short writeup of your bicycle mobile setup. He will select as many as he can for the forum. Send your picture(s) and short writeup to w3ff@... and copy me at nf0n@.... Along with Budd showing these pictures at the Forum, I would like to include them in a future BMHA Newsletter. It might be good to confirm your permission to use your pictures.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

1244. battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-05 15:22:41 UTC
From: ron grace
Topic: 1244 Message: 1244

i am sure this has been addressed many times before but being new to group and trying to set up bike station, has anybody used a motorcycle battery for power? af4ob

1245. Re: battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-06 03:42:05 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1244 Message: 1245

Motorcycle batteries are a convenient size and not too heavy, but they don't hold up well. Like a car battery, they don't like being discharged more than 20%.

Then there's the acid issue. One spill and you've ruined everything you own.

You haven't stated what you're trying to power--APRS, CW, 2-meter? Eight high quality D cells will provide good power for a QRP rig. Radio Shack sells D cell battery holders at a good price. Two four-cell holders zip-tied back-to-back make a tidy pack that will provide power for awhile.

72 de Scott

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "ron grace" <rjgdag@...> wrote:
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> group and trying to set up bike station, has anybody used a motorcycle
> battery for power? af4ob
>

1246. RE: [BMHA] battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-06 12:45:05 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1244 Message: 1246

I'd stay away from a wet cell motorcycle battery for safety reasons. It will leak the battery acid if it gets turned over. Instead, I'd suggest a gel cell (sealed) battery. No worries if it gets turned over.

Sam KD4SHK

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of ron grace
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2007 10:23 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] battery

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group and trying to set up bike station, has anybody used a motorcycle
battery for power? af4ob

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1247. AF4OB.....Ron's battery query

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-06 14:49:04 UTC
From: W3FF@aol.com
Topic: 1247 Message: 1247

Ron wrote: 1a. battery Posted by: "ron grace" rjgdag@... af4ob Date: Mon Mar 5, 2007 5:35 pm ((PST)) i am sure this has been addressed many times before but being new to group and trying to set up bike station, has anybody used a motorcycle battery for power? af4ob ~~~~~~ I agree with Scott, who mentioned that the lead acid batteries would perhaps pose a threat of acid spilling. And the capacity is just not sufficient to run an HF station for longer rides. Consider looking at the site of "Batteryspace.com". Just Google it. Lots of choices. For a recent trip to VP2M, I took two of their battery packs with me. They are about five pounds each. NIMH hi capacity D cells. Eleven of them. When the pack is fully charged, 15 volts is what is measured. My FT-857D loves the results. 11 A/H. I rented a bike there and had great success with HF contacts. You can see a picture of it here: _www.w3ff.us_ (http://www.w3ff.us) Just scroll down to the bike picture. This Batteryspace pack fit in the water bottle bracket just below the handlebars. I simply kept one on charge all the time at the home villa, and used the one on the bike to run 50 watts SSB for hours at a time. Budd

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1248. Re: battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-06 17:40:34 UTC
From: bob mills
Topic: 1244 Message: 1248

has anyone used or tried to use one of the enclosed,
portable battery jumpers? they usually have a dc jack
along with the jumper cables, light, compressor, etc.
bob
ke7hzb

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http://videogames.yahoo.com/platform?platform=120121

1249. RE: [BMHA] Re: battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-06 19:55:35 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1244 Message: 1249

I use one at work for jumping off cars. While they would work for powering radios, I'd suggest using just a 12 volt battery. The jump kits have a lot of extra weight (for the case, jumper cables, air compressor, etc) that you really don't need. Plus, the battery inside isn't all that powerful (usually).

Sam KD4SHK

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of bob mills
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 12:41 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: battery

has anyone used or tried to use one of the enclosed, portable battery jumpers? they usually have a dc jack along with the jumper cables, light, compressor, etc.
bob
ke7hzb

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1250. Re: [BMHA] AF4OB.....Ron's battery query

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-06 22:06:45 UTC
From: WN1Z
Topic: 1247 Message: 1250

> Ron wrote:
>
> i am sure this has been addressed many times before but being new to
> group and trying to set up bike station, has anybody used a motorcycle
> battery for power? af4ob

To add to what W3FF Budd said, you don't want to use a motorcycle
battery -- because motorcycle batteries (as far as i know) are
starting batteries, not deep-cycle batteries. You will damage the
battery quite quickly by discharging and recharging it repeatedly.
Starting batteries are meant to be kept topped off all the time.

Orrin wn1z

1251. Re: battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-10 10:03:53 UTC
From: dazcaz
Topic: 1244 Message: 1251

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Sam Smith" <kd4shk@...> wrote:
>
> I'd stay away from a wet cell motorcycle battery for safety
> reasons. It will leak the battery acid if it gets turned
> over. Instead, I'd suggest a gel cell (sealed) battery. No
> worries if it gets turned over.

I agree with Sam.
I used to use a motorbike battery back in my CB days (80's).
I had one crack, and drip electrolyte down the frame. Before I noticed
the damage was done.
I had to respray the bike. Luckilly it wasn't an expensive bike, and I
resprayed it metalic gold which was real cool back then :)

Stick with a gel cell.

Those jump starter things are handy to have, but a bit bulky for the
bike. Here in the UK we have bargain basement shops that sell them
really cheap... Buy one and take the battery out :)

Darren
GW7HOC MW5HOC

1252. Re: battery

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-13 09:34:01 UTC
From: George
Topic: 1244 Message: 1252

Hi af4ob,

Perhaps the first thing you need to do is determine how much power you need. This will depend upon what transeiver you are using. For example an ATS 3 CW 4 band transeiver at 5 watts draws very little power on standby and receive and will work happily on a battery pack with a series of AA batteries. Rechargable NiMH's could be a light cost effective battery.

Electraft radios do not draw much power. An Icom 703 at 5 watts and 706 at 100 watts will drain a 7AH gel battery in a few hours on standby/receive. -- quicker at 100 watts transmission.

The specs on your radio should provide information on what it draws on receive/standby.

Here are some useful links:
http://www.powerportstore.com/dc_power.htm
http://www.powerstream.com/dc2.htm
http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/4758
http://kd1jv.qrpradio.com/
http://www.elecraft.com/

I was interested in power for backback/portable operations and developed a spreadsheet to compare power consumption and battery duration for various radios I was interested in. I posted this on the hpack3 yahoo group site which is a subsite of hpack yahoo group.
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hfpack3/files/
"Portable - Power vs Duration.xls"

If you don't have MS Office, there is a free office suite that reads xls spreadsheets. http://www.openoffice.org/

George VY1GP

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> group and trying to set up bike station, has anybody used a motorcycle
> battery for power? af4ob
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1253. battery advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-14 17:04:41 UTC
From: Ron Grace
Topic: 1253 Message: 1253

first thanks to all who have helped, I guess I should have given more info. I will be running a kenwood ts 50 running 10 watts (about 3-4 amp trans) and 2 amp standby

73 af4ob

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1254. hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-17 01:44:38 UTC
From: Ron Grace
Topic: 1254 Message: 1254

well today was my first try at hf on the bike- i had no problem
getting 10 meter swr flat,but 75-60-40 no luck not even close.
set up was battery from lawn mower(temp just trying it out) hamstick
antenna and a mount on the bike frame.

1255. Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-17 01:57:41 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 1255 Message: 1255

I am both a bicyclist and motorcyclist; are there others in the group?

Cheers

1256. Re: [BMHA] Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-17 04:25:53 UTC
From: Roger Sporre
Topic: 1255 Message: 1256

Yes Al,

87 BMW R65 and BMW R100RT

Take care,

Roger

Al <k3eax@...> wrote:
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Cheers

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1257. Re: Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-17 14:06:29 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1255 Message: 1257

Yes. I ride a Honda CB-900C, 1980 vintage.

73 de Scott n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Al" <k3eax@...> wrote:
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> I am both a bicyclist and motorcyclist; are there others in the
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>
>
> Cheers
>

1258. RE: [BMHA] Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-17 14:54:05 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1255 Message: 1258

OOooooooooooo Bemers

Al and especially Roger,

'73 Suzuki GT380
60's BMW Thumper

Looks like a vintage world to me.

Earl, N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Roger Sporre
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2007 11:26 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Any motorcyclists in the group?

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1259. RE: [BMHA] Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-17 16:08:13 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 1255 Message: 1259

Hi Earl and Roger
I rode an R27 which I regret having sold in 1967.
Now my mounts are a Royal Enfield 350 and a Kawasaki
W650.

Most of my bicycling is done on what I like to call
"updated roadsters", that is a 73 or 74 degree
touring frame fitted with upright bars, fenders, and a
Sturmey-Archer hub. These I "configure" myself,
including the wheels.

--- "S. Earl Jarosh" <earljarosh@...> wrote:

> OOooooooooooo Bemers
>
> Al and especially Roger,
>
> '73 Suzuki GT380
> 60's BMW Thumper
>
> Looks like a vintage world to me.
>
> Earl, N0HZ
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1260. RE: [BMHA] Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-17 19:21:18 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1255 Message: 1260

I've got a 79 Kawasaki KZ650 that I don't get to ride much since my daughter was born (my wife hates it when I strap the baby seat to the back rack!) :-)

Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Al
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2007 9:58 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Any motorcyclists in the group?

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Cheers

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1261. Re: Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-17 20:16:33 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1255 Message: 1261

Sam,

I can hear her echos all the way into North Texas.

-My bikes are:

Cannondale with 700C
Bike Friday with 24"
Burley Samba Tandem we've owned since 1995

Barb, KC7BSY, and I have had some fun on the last two. We've been to
Grand Canyon, rode Missouri's Katy Trail, rode into
Sonora, Mexico and many times across Arizona's Sonoran
Desert--2-meters and phone booths our only
communications.

Barb supported me with a pickup camper while I pedaled
the BF from Yuma nearly to El Paso four years ago.
Last year I shipped it to Spokane and pedaled into
Idaho with KE7EZM.

In April or May I'll take the CB-900C from Dallas to
Pie Town NM with APRS, 2-meters, and 20-meters. We
own some property just outside Pie Town. I like to
toss a dipole into a juniper and work 20-meters from
up there.

72/73 de Scott in Texas

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1262. Re: Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-18 02:53:38 UTC
From: Le Vern May
Topic: 1255 Message: 1262

Yes
I am riding a
89 1500 Goldwing
Cannondale touring
Bike Friday Touring
92 Raleigh Chill Mtn Bike
As you see I enjoy touring.

Vern May

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>
>
> Cheers
>

1263. Re: [BMHA] Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-18 18:01:52 UTC
From: Bill Vodall WA7NWP
Topic: 1255 Message: 1263

On 3/16/07, Al <k3eax@
> I am both a bicyclist and motorcyclist; are there others in the group?

Funny you should ask...

I've come to the realization that for all the good intentions, life and time marches on. There's too many great adventures waiting "out there" to restrict ones self to pedal power.

I've discovered what might be a good compromise. There's a whole world of "scooters" which seems to be a good cross between the seeing (and feeling) all the sights of the bicycle world and the zoom zoom of the petro fueled jet age. Vespa's appear to be at the top of the pack and there are even electric versions such as the eVader (in a local battery store) or even the eGo cycles. I'm not sure yet where this is going to go this year but with a 13 mile one way commute and unquenched thirst for road time -- I bet something is going to show up this year. When it does -- it'll have ham radio for sure. VHF and APRS at the least. I'll probably also eventually figure out a mount for the new FT817 for those longer rides in the islands.

73
Bill - WA7NWP

1264. Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 01:14:47 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 1254 Message: 1264

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Jake, N0LX

1265. RE: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 13:35:08 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1254 Message: 1265

Not sure who's post you are responding to Jake - you deleted the original - like they ask you to - and then you confuse the simple minded among us. :-)

I finally destroyed my 102" steel whip and switched to whatever was laying around. In this case it was a 20 mtr hamstick. I'm using an AH-4 tuner to match whatever antenna de jour that ends up on the back of the bike. From my perspective they all work about the same; equally poor. But a few more sun spots and we'll be hot stuff again.

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See ya when 17 opens up a little more.

73,

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1266. RE: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 14:00:10 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 1254 Message: 1266

Ron, what do you use a key and where and how is it
mounted?

Cheers, Al

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1267. Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 14:32:27 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1254 Message: 1267

Ron,

Mysteries abound when coping with such critical power and weight factors.

Thanks for sharing your website and experience with me, and perhaps I speak for others, as well.

72 de Scott n7net

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1268. Re: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 15:52:23 UTC
From: Ron Grace
Topic: 1254 Message: 1268

anttenna i guess your asking-hamstick mount on the lower frame rail and
mount on a mirror mount store bought
----- Original Message -----
From: "Al" <k3eax@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 10:00 AM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

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> mounted?
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1269. Re: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 15:53:45 UTC
From: Ron Grace
Topic: 1254 Message: 1269

running hamstick for its intended band (40 meter stick on 40)
----- Original Message -----
From: "Jake" <n0lx@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2007 9:14 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

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1270. Re: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 16:08:56 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 1254 Message: 1270

Ron, my question is: When you operate CW-mode,
bicycle-mobile, where do you mount the telegraph key?
And, what do you use as a key?

Thanks,
AL

--- Ron Grace <rjgdag@...> wrote:

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> lower frame rail and
> mount on a mirror mount store bought
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> To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 10:00 AM
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1271. Re: hf on the bike (W9XS)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 20:05:34 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 1254 Message: 1271

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Now I understand the confusion; their are two Rons! The question is
aimed at Ron, W0XS.

Al, K3EAX

-- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Al <k3eax@...> wrote:
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1272. Re: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 21:04:31 UTC
From: Ron Grace
Topic: 1254 Message: 1272

i do not work cw
----- Original Message -----
From: "Al" <k3eax@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 12:08 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

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1273. RE: [BMHA] Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 13:43:27 UTC
From: Galt, Stuart A
Topic: 1255 Message: 1273

Yes,

I ride a R1200 GSAdventure.

Stuart.

1274. RE: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-19 14:28:12 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1254 Message: 1274

Hi Al,

I use a Palm Minipaddle mounted upside down to a bar end extension. Don't have any pictures - actually I just found one but I'm not sure if we can include attachments on BMHA.

At any rate; picture handlebars that are pretty much straight across like off road bikes. At the end of the handlebars extensions can be clamped that give you a alternate hand position while riding. If those extensions are set a 45 degrees or less you can mount the Palm Paddle upside down, underneath with electrical tape. Now when you hand is in that riding position your thumb and forefinger engage the paddles on the key. This way you can have full control of the bike and send CW at the same time.

I'm not quite at 1000 words yet but a picture would pretty much clear it up. Nice thing about the Palm is that the paddle itself can be pushed back into the housing to prevent damage.

http://www.morsex.com/palm/

73,

Ron w9xs

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Cheers, Al

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1275. RE: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-20 00:13:50 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1254 Message: 1275

Ron,

I use the Palm paddles myself for car mobile and love them. They fit well and are very well made.

You can post any pictures to the groups using the Photo section. You should see a link on the left side of the BMHA group page that you can put photo's on.

Mike, NF0N

Mike Nickolaus
316 East 32nd Street
South Sioux City, NE 68776
(402) 494-6070
cell (712) 223-3164
Amateur Radio - NF0N

> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Ron
> Baran
> Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 2:28 PM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: hf on the bike
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1276. Re: Any motorcyclists in the group?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-20 16:04:00 UTC
From: Norm
Topic: 1255 Message: 1276

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> I am both a bicyclist and motorcyclist; are there others in the
group?
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> Cheers
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Absolutly! I ride a 2005 Goldwing I have put 41,000 miles on in 18
months. I will be in Houston to provide support to the BP MS150 in a
few weeks. My dream is to get a 5th wheel toy wagon trailer and load up
my motorcycle, bicycle and ham shack and see the US.

1277. Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Organizational Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-20 17:59:00 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1277 Message: 1277

New Directions

Mike Nickolaus, NFØN and the rest of the Board of Directors

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Organizational Announcement

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (BMHA) proudly announces a change to our organization.

Since it's founding in 1989 by Hartley Alley, NA0A, BMHA has been a premier information source for Bicycle Mobile Hams through our newsletter for members based on a yearly membership fee. Although BMHA hosts a web based information site along with sponsoring a group on Yahoo Groups, yearly membership dues have supported the organization since 1990.

After several years of discussion and efforts to secure a new newsletter editor, we are announcing the entrance to a purely web based newsletter made available to all. We will suspend yearly dues as long as our funding can be maintained with the current treasury.

For those in the last several years who supported BMHA with yearly membership dues, we plan to afford each with a CD-ROM containing all past issues of the BMHA Newsletter. The issues have already become a great source of information containing ideas and articles of interest to all BMHA'ers. This is a great reward to those who have supported BMHA for many years. We will be making these available by mailing a copy to each member at no charge.

The first new web based issue is planned to be made available in the first half of 2007 and will be placed on the BMHA website. Any current paid members will already be authorized to view this and all future issues. Others wishing to view the current and future issues will need to complete a short registration screen. No membership dues will be required and you will be able to view and download all issues.

Each newsletter will be placed on the BMHA website for members and shortly thereafter on the Yahoo Groups BMHA group site for all group members.

To continue the information flow, we ask that you submit articles you would like published to our newsletter editor, N9ZKS, NF0N or the BMHA webmaster. All articles and information will be considered for inclusion in the web newsletter. Please submit articles to one of the following:

n9zks@earthlink.net
nf0n@...
bmha-webmaster@...

Thanks for your support and we hope BMHA continues to be a great source of information for each of you.

Board of Directors, Bicycle Mobile Hams of America

1278. Re: Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Organizational Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-20 19:02:31 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1277 Message: 1278

Mikw,

This announcement of a new direction comes as great news.

73 de Scott N7NET

1279. hf on the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-20 19:53:30 UTC
From: Ron Grace
Topic: 1254 Message: 1279

well today i fixed the swr problem. grounded the antenna mount to the axle and hooked the negitive post of the battery to bike frame
af4ob

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1280. Bicycle Mobile Pictures wanted for Dayton BMHA Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-21 03:31:48 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1280 Message: 1280

This is a reminder that we need pictures and a short writeup of your bicycle HF mobile setup for the BMHA forum at Dayton this year. Budd, W3FF is our speaker and want's to show as many pictures of bicycle HF mobile setup's as he can. This is your chance to show what you have done and I know there are lot's of good installations out there. We would also like to publish some of the best in the next newsletter.

Please send to me and I will accumulate for Budd and get them to him prior to the forum. My email is :

nf0n@...

Thanks,

Mike, NF0N

1281. new group started

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-21 11:52:46 UTC
From: Ron Grace
Topic: 1281 Message: 1281

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mobileragchew/

1282. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Organizational Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-21 14:04:33 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1277 Message: 1282

Skip, Mike, Russ, John, and Scott,

Good for you guys.

All of you have done such a great job keeping this going.

Skip, and all of those of you who knew Hartley know he would be pleased.

Thank you for your work all these years.

BMHA has been a wonderful resource for me personally and for us as an organization.

Best 73,

Bill
w8hi
Assistant Communications Director
GOBA@...

On Mar 20, 2007, at 12:59 PM, Mike Nickolaus wrote:

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> past issues of the BMHA Newsletter. The issues have already become a

> great source of information containing ideas and articles of interest
> to all BMHA'ers. This is a great reward to those who have supported
> BMHA for many years. We will be making these available by mailing a
> copy to each member at no charge.
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> The first new web based issue is planned to be made available in the
> first half of 2007 and will be placed on the BMHA website. Any
> current paid members will already be authorized to view this and all
> future issues. Others wishing to view the current and future issues
> will need to complete a short registration screen. No membership dues
> will be required and you will be able to view and download all
> issues.
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> Each newsletter will be placed on the BMHA website for members and
> shortly thereafter on the Yahoo Groups BMHA group site for all group
> members.
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> To continue the information flow, we ask that you submit articles you
> would like published to our newsletter editor, N9ZKS, NF0N or the
> BMHA webmaster. All articles and information will be considered for
> inclusion in the web newsletter. Please submit articles to one of the
> following:
>
> n9zks@...
> nf0n@arrl.net
> bmha-webmaster@...
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> Thanks for your support and we hope BMHA continues to be a great
> source of information for each of you.
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> Board of Directors, Bicycle Mobile Hams of America
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1283. Change in Room and Time for Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 01:59:53 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1283 Message: 1283

The Dayton Hamvention has made a change to the BMHA Forum Room and Time.

The 17th Annual BMHA (Bicycle Mobile Hams of America) forum will be held at the Dayton Hamvention.

Date: May 20, 2007
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Room: 5

Room 5 is near the ARRL displays. I understand we had a conflict with an ARRL Forum and Hamvention asked us to adjust a little. Hopefully this will not cause any problems with our forum.

Thanks,

Mike, NF0N

1284. BMHA Website URL Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 02:11:04 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1284 Message: 1284

BMHA Home Page

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Mike,

NF0N

1285. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Website URL Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 13:36:14 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1284 Message: 1285

Mike,

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My guess is you already know that.

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Thanks for your work.

Bill
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GOBA
Assistant Communications Director

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1286. RE: [BMHA] BMHA Website URL Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 14:17:25 UTC
From: Stan Olson
Topic: 1284 Message: 1286

Bill,

It looks like they have an extra dot in the URL. Try this:

http://www.bmha-hams.org/

Stan, K9SWX

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Sharp
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2007 8:36 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1287. RE: [BMHA] BMHA Website URL Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 14:19:35 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1284 Message: 1287

Bill:

Are you still having problems? It is working from here.

http://www.bmha-hams.org

- Skip AA6WK

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1288. Membership fee question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 15:13:59 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 1284 Message: 1288

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http://advision.webevents.yahoo.com/mailbeta/newmail_tools.html

1289. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Website URL Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 15:24:49 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1284 Message: 1289

Just like I said.

You guys are the best.

I'm confident none of you (or any of us actually) realize the huge positive international impact
you have maintaining and enhancing BMHA.

Now that I live in a new cycling environment here in TX, I realize the increasing need for bicycle mobile hams on day rides and tours.

Here, organizers are just beginning to understand the benefits of bicycle mobiles over any other (cars, trucks, motorcycles) rider contact options.

"Oh, you're a ham on a bike?

I've never heard of such a thing.

Please volunteer.

Here's a tee shirt.

No, there won't be an entry fee.

Join us for lunch at the end of the ride.

Can we count on you next year?

Would you be able to bring more bicycle mobile hams?"

What's particularly interesting is that with day rides, and many of you know this, there are routes of varying mileages: 10, 20, 33, 60, 100, for example.

Communications help is needed on each of the routes.

And please allow me add this shameless commercial:

GOBA has a huge cadre of hams as we use hams for communication.

Bicycle mobile hams and those who ride the squads seem to be the elite operators.

Join us in June.

http://www.gobahams.org/

My best to you all.

Bill
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1290. Re: Membership fee question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 16:30:57 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1284 Message: 1290

Hi Al,

For a long time we had a quarterly paper newsletter. Our last editor was active in the Coast Guard. He continued his duties even while serving at sea duty. I can only imagine how complicated that must have gotten.

For the past few years we've relied on the website. There hasn't been any plea for funds, but like with any organization, the treasurer would appreciate some help, I'm sure. About three years ago, a CD was mailed to all the members. It's a store house of information. In my humble opinion, it would be worthwhile to get on board in order to receive the upcoming CD.

As for what a membership benefits, there's a ton of information and ideas available for the taking. I'll be sending a check by mid-summer. I guess it's up to the individual, but I think it's a bargain.

Best regards,
Scott n7net

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1291. RE: [BMHA] Membership fee question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 18:44:50 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1284 Message: 1291

Bill:

Actually, if you read the realignment message (http://75.60.24.163/BMHA/Realignment-2007.htm) we have suspended the fee until the time the club needs more money.

You've made a good catch -- I'll get the membership form updated to conform with the realignment. The principal use of the fee was the paper newsletter (which is suspended and going to electronic delivery) and a bit of advertising.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Al
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2007 8:14 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1292. Re: Membership fee question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 18:58:44 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 1284 Message: 1292

Scott and Skip, thanks for taking the time to better inform me; I completely missed the bit about the suspension of dues. Thank you also for not taking offense with my quiery. You see I'm still smarting from a experience of several decades ago when a Corvair owners' club turned out to be a source of income for the "president". My intuitive instincts told me that this was not the case with BMHA ,but wariness becomes instinctive once bitten. I intend to join and will gladely give my financial support when asked.

Cheers,

Al

1293. Re: BMHA Website URL Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-03-31 21:11:28 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1284 Message: 1293

Looks like I had an extra character in the URL. Here it is again:

http://www.bmha-hams.org/

Mike,

NF0N

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1294. Membership dues update -- yes, it is zero

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-04 01:55:29 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1294 Message: 1294

Several of you have pointed out that our membership application still states $15 dues. Although we reserve the right to ask again for money if funds run low, currently we are doing okay and dues are now reflected on the form at their actual value -- zero (meaning free).

http://www.BMHA-Hams.org/Info/Info-MembershipApplication.htm

We reserve the right to ping you via email (not more than once per year) to check on continued interest (this is one of the problems with free memebership -- people sign up and lose interest but don't tell us).

I also welcome comments on the relocated website -- and in particular about the larger (and print-quality) newsletter images that we can now host due to our larger amount of storage.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1295. Microphone for 817 bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-09 22:22:48 UTC
From: sinbad5210
Topic: 1295 Message: 1295

I am trying to adapt a "jabra", earplug/microphone for use with my 817 on my recumbent. The earplug/microphone has a icom/kenwood type 1/8 and 3/32 type plug. I have added a resistor/capacitor circuit to drive the electrolet. I am using a 1 microfarad electrolytic and a 580 ohm resister (manual says 600 ohm impedenance is nominal). I have been testing this on 2 meter FM simplex to a HT. I get voice but I also get a high pitched audio tone (more like a screech) as well. Right now this is ugly wired. Is shielding the issue? Could it be a grounding issue? Could a ferrite choke help? The microphone cable is shielded from my improvised handle bar PTT(up, down, and fast)control to my seat where I plug in the earplug/microphone.

Steve
KC0JTC

1296. Re: [BMHA] Microphone for 817 bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-10 00:50:20 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1295 Message: 1296

----- Original Message -----
From: "sinbad5210"
(snip)
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> testing this on 2 meter FM simplex to a HT. I get voice but I also get
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(snip)

Just a guess .. could it be feedback? Try plugging in just the mic into
the HT and see if it is still there?

Richard Amirault, Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://n1jdu.org/Fandom/science.htm

1297. Re: Microphone for 817 bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-10 22:16:07 UTC
From: sinbad5210
Topic: 1295 Message: 1297

Nope, not feedback. I tried several things to get rid of the "screech". Once I removed the resistor and the 5+V from the input to microphone, no more screech. But the sound quality is not good. On the HT I am listening on, you can tell there is voice, but it is unintelligable. I tried different values of capacitors to no avail. I remember several years ago someone doing this kind of adaptation but I can't find anything on it anywhere.

Steve
KC0JTC

1298. Bike Rally during Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-20 00:58:08 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1298 Message: 1298

I was wondering if anyone near the Milwaukee, WI area might be willing to provide some assistance.

I am working on coordinating a bike rally that happens to be on the same day as field day and will happen to be at the same location as the field day site for the local repeater club that I am in. I am the head of the local recumbent bike club and we are getting sponsorship from one of the local bike stores.

Since this represents a great opportunity to educate people on Ham radio and (preferably) bicycle mobile, Id really like to get more hams on bikes then just me and my Greenspeed (the one thats been at Dayton Hamvention the last 2 years). Also, Id like resources/ideas/suggestions for educating the public during this type of forum. Namely, I want something more/better then just communication support which the riders never really notice. However, I dont really do that sort of thing so Im not sure where to start

73,
stephen kc9eku

1299. Re: Bike Rally during Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-20 23:21:39 UTC
From: w9jwt
Topic: 1298 Message: 1299

Stephen, it sounds as if you are going to have your hands very full!
And I'm not here to offer advice, only sympathy!

(Born and raised over in Brookfield, was WA9CSR there.) Every year
our
little county sponsors the North Georgia 6 Gap/3 Gap Bike Race ...
100
miles through 1500-4000 foot terrain. And until this year we have
hosted one leg (120-miles or so) of the Tour de Georgia. ('Chamber
of
Commerce refused to pay the ransom money this year.) Each year our
little radio club has handled the race communications in the
field ...
Red Cross liason, "sag wagons", rest stop refills, first aid calls,
traffic control, etc., etc. I totally loved the volunteer
involvement,
but I was always way too busy to think of climbing on my bike! It
was
enough to hold a mike and a notepad - - and watch maybe $4 million
worth of bikes zoom by!

That all said, I can not tell you how many of the cyclists (last
year's
6 Gap had about 2500 rgistered riders!) have personally thanked me,
and
formally thanked the club, for our support.

During last year's Tour de Georgia, the race organizers went so far
as
to have an airborn cell phone repeater to handle in-race comms. And
it
didn't work in the mountainous terrain ... they ended up relying on
us
humble hams.

I really wish you well ... make sure the newspapers/radio & tv
stations
get invited, and have lots of strange looking appendages on your bikes
(s)! The sum of my wisdom. Oh ... make sure you have two times as
many
porta-potties and three times as much Gator Aid as you think you'll
need! (Double oranges and bananas, too.)

Best of luck to you ... 73 de Dave,
W9JWT

ps ... The original owner of W9JWT, my Dad, was a life-long member of
the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "shepner2000" <shepner@...> wrote:
>
> I was wondering if anyone near the Milwaukee, WI area might be
willing
> to provide some assistance.
>
> I am working on coordinating a bike rally that happens to be on the
> same day as field day and will happen to be at the same location as
> the field day site for the local repeater club that I am in. I am
the
> head of the local recumbent bike club and we are getting sponsorship
> from one of the local bike stores.

> <chomp>

> 73,
> stephen kc9eku
>

1300. Re: Bike Rally during Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-21 20:26:17 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1298 Message: 1300

Thanks for the sympathy. Im gonna need it before this is done.
Fortunately it should be somewhat small as far as such things go but
when I was asking about how many people to expect I was quoted
"between 12 and 80 people". :P

Fortunately, I do have some assistance from the repeater club and the
bike club seems to have some motivated people this year so Im hoping
that this will go smoothly. I would really like to find more Hams in
the area that ride bikes much less had radios on them. At least my
Greenspeed is setup for radio, GPS, etc, etc, etc....

So, again, anyone in the area who would like to show off their bike?
Anyone have ideas for a talk/demo during lunch??

73,
stephen kc9eku
--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "w9jwt" <burrows@...> wrote:
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1301. Re: Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Organizational Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-28 21:15:26 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1277 Message: 1301

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...> wrote:
>>...a CD-ROM containing all past issues of the BMHA Newsletter...

And for those of us who are new to this organization, will this great CD be available for, say,
a $20 contribution???

Clint Bradford, K6LCS

1302. Re: Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Organizational Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-28 22:55:00 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1277 Message: 1302

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Clint Bradford" <clintbrad4d@...> wrote:
>
> And for those of us who are new to this organization, will this great CD be available for, say,
> a $20 contribution???

We're working on that. Probably.

The CD exists (that's easy to say since there have not been newsletters in awhile).
A "reduced-size" version is what powered the online newsletters when we were hosted at LaFetra.com. I leveraged the CD's print-quality images when I moved the site to BMHA-Hams.org (which happens to physically sit in my upstairs study at home) to get more space and improve the image quality.

The information on the CD is exactly what is on the website, although the user interface (UI) to accesses the articles is more list-driven than the database-driven query on the website.

Come to think of it, an ISO image of the CD is something that I hadn't thought to post to the website, now that we have "infinite" space at BMHA-Hams.org.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1303. Work Amateur Sats with your HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-29 23:57:57 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1303 Message: 1303

The handout I use while talking to groups on "Working Ham Satellites with your HT" is posted
at...

http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford

It is a four-page tutorial that will get you communicating with AO-51 (and SO-50) quickly and fairly easily, as long as your HT can be programmed with split freqs.

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1304. Re: [BMHA] Work Amateur Sats with your HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-04-30 01:10:29 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 1303 Message: 1304

Thanks Clint I sent this on to the members of my ham club here in Cortez, CO

I just bought a FT-817 used for 300.00 I can hardly wait for UPS to
deliver it!!!

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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1305. Lincoln (NE) Marathon on a bike with APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-06 20:09:07 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1305 Message: 1305

Just completed the Lincoln, Nebraska Marathon this
morning on my Trek 7.6FX. Had a great time getting
soaked in the rain.

The Open Tracker on the back of the bike worked great,
with 57 position records in about 2 hours and 30
minutes. This was with an FT-60R and a 1/4 wave
antenna. Here is the track:
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You can compare this track with the race route map
here:
http://www.lincolnrun.org/marathon.htm

And some photos of my installation:
http://www.wb0dgf.com/aprs/aprs_Trek.htm

73 Roger WB0DGF

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1306. Re: [BMHA] Lincoln (NE) Marathon on a bike with APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-06 20:24:14 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 1305 Message: 1306

try this
http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/line.cgi?call=wb0dgf-4°ree=.1&xsize=800&ysize=800

73,
toby
w0lzd

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> 73 Roger WB0DGF
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1307. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 546

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-08 02:49:44 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1307 Message: 1307

Very nice. I have been using a TT3 with a VX-2r, but not getting a lot of range. My YL has a 60r so I guess I'll try that. But how much batery life do you get on the 60r? We do ultra (Rando) events (on a tandem) so that is a consideration. We sometimes use a solar panel on a 10-cell AA niMh pack with the VX. I recommend a 1/2 wave for a whip, BTW. Larsen makes a good one.

73
Barry, VE7VIE
Margaret, VA7VIE

--- BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:

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From: Toby Markowitz

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1a.
Lincoln (NE) Marathon on a bike with APRS Posted by: "Roger Cox" antennaguy2@...
antennaguy2
Sun May 6, 2007 1:09 pm (PST)
Just completed the Lincoln, Nebraska Marathon this morning on my Trek 7.6FX. Had a great time getting soaked in the rain.

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1308. Re: Lincoln (NE) Marathon on a bike with APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-08 03:43:01 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1307 Message: 1308

Barry,

So far, the FT-60R has been great, but this is the first long event that we have used APRS on it. The FT-60R is actually my wife's radio - a present for her when she finally upgraded this spring. (she's been a Novice since 1978) After the Marathon - about 2 hours, 40 minutes - the battery voltage was 8.0. It had a full charge before the event. We have been charging it overnight when it drops below 7.5V. The Open Tracker and Deluo were on a separate supply, and the OT was set for 2 minute intervals.

Last year I used a Yaesu FT-2400 on the 5 watt setting, with a 7AH sealed battery. This, along with a heavier hybrid bike was a bit too much, but worked great. With the new bike and rig, I figure that the system was about 15 lb. lighter this year, with the same 5 watt output power.

I may go with a longer antenna on the bike at some point, but it is nice to swing my leg over the rack-mounted antenna without damaging anything ;-)

73 Roger WB0DGF

--- Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...> wrote:

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1311. Re: Don't Pump Gas on May 15! - Do more addedum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-14 22:37:39 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1311 Message: 1311

Hi,

We need to stay on topic--radios and bicycles.

73 de Scott / n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Kelly Bersch" <KBBersch@...> wrote:
>
> This accomplishes nothing. See:
> http://www.snopes.com/politics/gasoline/nogas.asp
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> You still buy gas, just not on this particular day. Presumably you fill up the
> day before or the day after. The oil companies still get the money. They don't
> care when you make your purchase. Try to find when gas dropped 30 cents over
> night in April 1997. It didn't happen.
>
> Kelly
>
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "S. Earl Jarosh" <earljarosh@...>
> To: "'S. Earl Jarosh'" <earljarosh@...>
> Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 2:40 PM
> Subject: [BMHA] Don't Pump Gas on May 15! - Do more addedum
>
>
> By now many of you like me have received multiple copies of this memo. Then
> on Friday SA and Holiday jacked the gas price up 30 cents here in MN. The
> highest Corp jump for the day. They must be reading the same memos! When
> you do have to fill, how about any other station but those.
>
> For this to truly work not only should you not gas up on the 15th but don't
> do anything that would use gas.
>
> Walk or Bike to work or school or the grocery store or wherever. Work from
> home. Take the day off. Have a picnic (Don't drive!!) Do yard work (don't
> mow). Carpool. Take the bus or train or subway. Put off that

service call.
> Cancel maid service. In Short Create an unofficial holiday and
Don't do
> anything that would use gas!!!
>
> To cause a lasting drop in in the price of gas not only should
delay your
> purchase but also eliminate the use of gas for that day. This will
then
> cause a surplus in the supply line as they scramble for storage
locations
> forcing the price down as they try to empty the 18 wheel tankers.
>
> I am riding my bike to work tomorrow, How about You???????
>
> If you miss the 15th just pick another day this week and just don't
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> Pass this on to everyone you know
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> On May 15th 2007, all internet users are to not go to a gas station
in protest
> of high gas prices. Gas is now over $3.00 a gallon in most places.
>
> There are 73,000,000+ American members currently on the internet
network, the
> average car takes about 30 to 50 dollars to fill up.
>
> If all users did not go to the pump on the 15th, it would take
$2,292,000,000.00
> (that's almost 3 BILLION) out of the oil companies pockets for just
one day, so
> please do not go to the gas station on May 15th and lets try to put
a dent in
> the Middle Eastern oil industry for at least one day.
>
> If you agree (which I cant see why you wouldn't) resend this to all

your contact
> list with it saying, ''Don't pump gas on May 15th"
>

1312. RE: [BMHA] Re: Don't Pump Gas on May 15! - Do more addedum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-15 05:02:57 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1311 Message: 1312

Sorry,

That was a mistake. I missed filtering this address.

Earl

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Scott Laughlin
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 5:38 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Don't Pump Gas on May 15! - Do more addedum

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Yahoo! Groups Links

1313. Recumbent Bike Rally on June 23rd at Field Day in Milwaukee, WI

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-15 18:30:49 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1313 Message: 1313

The Greater Milwaukee Recumbent Bicycle Club (GMRBC) is proud to announce the return of the Milwaukee Recumbent Rally for 2007. Additionally it will be located at the MRC91 Field day site in Whitnall Park, just around the corner from the Wheel and Sprocket Hales Corners, WI store. This years rally is sponsored by Wheel and Sprocket Bicycle Store in Hales Corners, WI. Harry Wozniak (recumbent bike sales manager) is providing the food you provide the legs for the 30 mile ride before the meal. The Milwaukee Radio Club (MRC91) are hosting the site and will be presenting a program on Ham radio operation for your meal time enjoyment. Come ride along lightly traveled suburban roads and paved trails. Then stay for the food! If you don't wish to ride you can always hang out at the site and participate in the MRC91 Field Day activities and/or assist with the bike rally. Volunteers are always welcome! Non-recumbent riders are also welcome

The flyer is available here:
http://www.asyla.org/GMRBC/2007/Bike_Rally/RallyFlyer.pdf
The route for the ride is available here:
http://www.asyla.org/GMRBC/routes/Field_Day_2007.shtml

We hope to see you there!

73,
stephen KC9EKU

MRC91
http://www.mrc91.org/

GMRBC
http://www.asyla.org/GMRBC/
http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/GMRBC/

Wheel and Sprocket
http://wheelandsprocket.com/

1314. New member, longtime biking ham, just set up HF

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-20 23:55:15 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1314 Message: 1314

Hello! I was pointed here from a bike-mobile discussion on QRZ, and have been reading through the old posts. Great to hear there are a fair number of recumbent riders as well as mobile hams around! :-)

I ride a RANS V-Rex, have had it about 5 years now, and it's had an antenna mount since day one. Until yesterday, just 2M/70CM though. And I seldom took it along, as the repeaters around here are sadly DEAD most of the time... Yesterday I came across a thread on QRZ where someone was asking about the best antennas for HF mobile, and he mentioned the ATAS-120. Well, I just bought an FT-857 and the ATAS-120 but hadn't bothered to try them because I "just knew" the thing would tune worth a darn on a bike... But I tried anyway, since someone else had asked!

Wow, was I ever surprised. It tunes better on the bike than it does my truck! So I put a little work into getting it (safely) ridable, and posted some pics on my website here:

http://okcforum.org/~martine/hfbike.html

The quick version is that I have the 857 in the mesh part of a rear pannier so it can breathe, a 12AH gel-cell sits in the bag on my rear rack, and a luggage-rack mount is bolted flat to the rear rack. I used a remote-head kit to put the radio head and mic on my handlebars.

Even better, I finally got around to taking (and passing) the General and Extra tests last week, and my first-ever HF contact was on 40M this morning, running 20W, while pedaling around the lake! :-D

I was thinking about getting an FTM-10RS when they come out since the idea of a waterproof mobile (with no mic even, wonder how well that works) for the bike sounds really cool. But now I'm thinking I'll splurge and go for another FT-857 as it works so well! Just that it's the complete antithesis of "water resistant"... The ATAS-120 is pretty doggone pricey too! I thought about trying an FT-817, but I'd have to mount the entire radio on the handlebars and it's also nice being able to crank the power up a bit if needed - I started at 10W this morning, but wasn't being copied well. Going to 20W did the trick!

Only real problem is weight - this setup is pretty heavy! But I need to lose weight anyway, so can use the exercise... ;-)

Perhaps I'll see some more bike-mobile hams on the road soon!

Joe Martine
N5USR/AE

1315. Velomobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 01:20:06 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1315 Message: 1315

So I am buying a Velomobile. My Seattle commute is about ten miles each way. It will have electric assist. I can ride on bike trails most of the way. Seattle is a pretty bike friendly city.

http://www.nimbuskayaks.com/velo/velo%20progress/december%202006.htm

I have been a ham since about 79 or so, but mostly inactive. I want to outfit my bike with some gear. The only equipment I have is an 817.

I understand that qrp may be too big a challenge for a bike. I will APRS it.

If you had this much room..and weight wasn't too big of an issue... what would YOU do? ;-)

Bryan

1316. Re: New member, longtime biking ham, just set up HF

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 04:28:00 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 1314 Message: 1316

Welcome, Joe. Your report sounds all too familiar. I started with the 817 on the handlebars:
http://www.n0lx.com/bicycle_mobile.html

Then I tried the IC-706 with the radio on the bike rack along with a 17 Ah battery, and the control head mounted on the bars. Running 20 watts in Colorado, I had a New Zealand station break in while I was in QSO with XE2FL: http://www.n0lx.com/zl1aix.html

Click the link at the top of this page to hear part of the audio from that contact. I had an Olympus digital recorder tucked under the Heil earpiece, under the helmet strap. Not comfortable, but I'm glad I brought it that evening! I use a 14' end-fed, shortened halfwave antenna tilted back to keep it street legal.

Do keep us updated on your HF attempts on the bike.

Jake, N0LX

1317. Great Weekend

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 06:51:02 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 1317 Message: 1317

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1318. Re: New member, longtime biking ham, just set up HF

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 13:15:53 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1314 Message: 1318

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1319. Re: Great Weekend

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 13:33:49 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1317 Message: 1319

Norman,

I sure would like to have seen some of the bikes on display. Did you snap any photos you can share?

Please tell us about the newsletter you mentioned in your signature.

72 de Scott / n7net

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1320. Re: [BMHA] Great Weekend

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 14:57:42 UTC
From: Bill Sharp
Topic: 1317 Message: 1320

Norm,

Thanks for taking time to send us the Hamvention Headlines.

As someone who was able to go for over 20 years and now can't, I will be looking forward to write-ups.

How was the flea market outside this year?

But really I wanted to thank you for doing this BMHA work.

It becomes even more important resource as our usefulness as bicycle mobile hams in Katrina like emergencies becomes better known and increases.

In that vein, It would be great if all of us were able to take part in bicycle mobile communication operations, those where health and welfare for large groups takes place, like on tours and large day rides.

It's great practice, sorts out equipment and gets in the miles regardless of the route you decide to ride.

I'm looking forward to the BMHA newsletter Norm.

Best,

Bill
w8hi
Assistant Communications Director
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On May 21, 2007, at 1:51 AM, Norman Huber wrote:

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1321. RE: [BMHA] Re: New member, longtime biking ham, just set up HF

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 17:08:32 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 1314 Message: 1321

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1322. Re: New member, longtime biking ham, just set up HF

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 17:59:47 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1314 Message: 1322

Norman,

Fifty-one K a pretty fair distance on a motorcycle. Obviously, you ride behind a faring to log that many miles in such a short period.

For traveling distance, I ride an ancient, but stock CB-900C with a tank bag, only. What won't fit in there gets left behind. I QRP from my place in Pie Town, NM, with 750mW, eight D-cells, and a pruned dipole (so I don't have to pack a tuner).

At 70 I no longer multitask well, so I stop when it's time to drag out the key.

On APRS I'm n7net-6, bicycle and motorcycle.

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 21:26:39 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1314 Message: 1323

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This assumes, of course, that I'm working SSB which has an average power density of 20% of PEP.

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1324. Re: New member, longtime biking ham, just set up HF

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-21 22:21:17 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1314 Message: 1324

Joe,

Thanks for posting the website. I wasn't familiar with it. I've moved my antenna all over the place--winging it, as it were--while keeping my power very low. I'm sure there areothers who will make use of that information. If it isn't already in the file section, maybe it should be.

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1325. Bicycle mobile from HB9 & HB0 this summer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-22 17:17:32 UTC
From: dombaines
Topic: 1325 Message: 1325

Hi all,

I live in UK but currently working in Zurich for a bank (IT contractor) and I have been operating /P all over the place since January. Now I have my bicycle (Ridgeback Panorama) with me. It also has a front wheel dynamo.

When contract is up my wife and I are planning to do a cycle loop of HB land.

The RF plan is to use the hub dynamo to charge either 2 6V SLA in parallel during the day (6V 3W lighting system so that seems like minimum modification) or some combination of NiMH batteries either of which I will fit into either front pannier (keeps dynamo leads short). When we get to whereever each night if condx ok I can operate a bit /P with my FT817. Antenna might be (got to figure this out yet) a buddipole canabalised to make a vertical of some sort, maybe use the bike as a base? or a long wire antenna suitibly slung over a tree limb etc.

Tuner will probably reduce the weight to an SLT (altoid tin time).

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I can operate digimode psk31 using an iPAQ 2790 as well and that charges very nicely from 6V.

Anyone got any comments?

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Dom
HB9/M1KTA

1326. RE: [BMHA] Bicycle mobile from HB9 & HB0 this summer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-23 02:40:59 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 1325 Message: 1326

Bud of Buddy poles uses his pole as a vertical. He showed us pictures of his rig. Get a meter and verify you have DC continuity from antenna mount to handlebars. The bike is enough of a counterpose. Mount the antenna on a support approximately above your head and angle it back a bit so that if you go under a low branch etc. you will not break the antenna.
Contact W3FF, he's a trike rider and can give you particulars.
73 and good luck.

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1327. SEAPAC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-23 03:41:55 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1327 Message: 1327

Anyone else riding to SEAPAC? (Or getting there any other way)? I'll be riding from Yakima after the Tandem Rally there the previous weekend, then riding from Seaside back to Vancouver, Canada over the following week. I'll be on APRS (WV2J-7).

73, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

1328. SEAPAC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-23 13:12:53 UTC
From: W3FF@aol.com
Topic: 1327 Message: 1328

VE7VIE/WV2J, Barry, posted to the group about riding to Seapac. My son, Chris, W6HFP, will be there at the Buddiole booth. He'll be bringing some of his products to sell, but he always likes talking bikes. He rides a Lemont when he has time.

I'll try to get some pix together of my recumbent trike to send with him. Barry, it's not a huge show, so please look for Chris when you get there.

Seaside is a very nice place to visit. It has a holiday atmosphere for sure. I've been to that show many times. What a place to ride.

Budd

********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1329. Re: SEAPAC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-23 13:19:49 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1327 Message: 1329

Barry,

I wish I was.

72 de n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...> wrote:
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1330. Re: [SPAM] [BMHA] SEAPAC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-23 13:57:04 UTC
From: Doug Jones
Topic: 1327 Message: 1330

I won't be there unfortunately. SEAPAC always sneaks up on me (people concentrating a lot on Dayton), and my sister-in-law's in town from Indiana. I'm the designated driver since I'm the native. :)

Doug N6LMX

W3FF@... wrote:
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1331. WB9GIE/Bicycle Mobile photos

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-24 03:10:05 UTC
From: wb9gie
Topic: 1331 Message: 1331

I recently started up a MySpace page and have put photos and QSL's from my past 30 years or so of bicycle mobiling, with more to be added soon... I'm in the the process of moving from the Eastside of Milwaukee to the western suburb of Brookfield, Wisconsin, and should be all moved in by June 1, 2007... I have 97 countries worked and have all 50 states worked, from my bike, but not too much in the past 5 years or so because my occupation (RFID Interference Specialist) keeps me on the road travelibg most of the time... I gave a presentation for the BMHA back at the Dayton Hamfest in 1994 and have been written up in many ham magazines, including a two-part article written by Dave Ingram back in 1994 in CQ Magazine, coinciding somewhat with the Dayton Hamfest presentation... The most recent trip of interest was back in 2001 when I cycled, from Milwaukee, WI, out to Clear Lake, Iowa, to the Surf Ballroom, where I operated from the parking lot from my bicycle on HF... Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper, and Richie Valens played their last show there "The Day the Music Died" back in 1959... Hope you like the bike pics... The older stuff was with a Ten-Tec Argonaut 509, on a 3-speed Huffy, and the more recent is with a a Yaesu FT-817 on a Trek 7000 mountain bike...

Here's the MySpace address: http://www.myspace.com/wb9gie

Feel free to e-mail me with any questions about my setup or anything else...

Elroy Shelley, Jr.
WB9GIE/Bicycle Mobile
Brookfield, WI
wb9gie@yahoo.com

1332. Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-25 21:00:34 UTC
From: Andy Barber
Topic: 890 Message: 1332

Please let me know how that ear bone bike works. I've been obsessing about this type of mic for bike mobile use, but haven't been able to find any real feedback on how well they work/sound. I've seen them on ebay for ~$30, and on real sites for ~$100 and was wondering what the differences might be.

Andy KB8JDO

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Robert Nickels <w9ran@...> wrote:
>
> On a similar note -
>
> I wasn't thrilled with the result after cramming my Heil Traveler into
> my helmet, so I bought one of those "ear-mic" things from eBay that
pick
> up sound via bone conduction to the ear canal. I bought the Yaesu
> version (so I can also use it with my HT) and found the mating jack
but
> haven't got around to wiring it up to the FT-817 yet. Just wonder if
> anyone has tried this type of ear-mic and if so, how it worked?
>
> 73, Bob W9RAN
>

1333. Re: Wireless Headset

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-26 00:41:33 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 890 Message: 1333

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Andy Barber" <ajbarber@...> wrote:
>
> Please let me know how that ear bone mike works.

This is what I have used for years (trade-name "EarTalk"). It works very well and is easy to slip under a helmet strap (or slip it out again so you can "detach" yourself).

It is sensitive to wind noise (I learned to skew my head by about 20 degrees horizontally so the in-ear microphone was farther forward than my other ear. This suppressed wind-noise on my signal. You can tell when you have the attitude right because you also hear the wind noise in your ear).

Also, because the microphone is next to the speaker, it is impossible to use VOX.

The construction of mine is very simple (I had to dissemble mine when the speaker stopped working) -- it is a standard ear-bud ("Walkman style") speaker with a small microphone mounted directly behind it.

So, my experience has been very good. Now, I'd be interested in anyone who has used a throat mike on a bicycle !

- Skip AA6WK

1334. New Member/Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-05-31 19:14:17 UTC
From: Catfish
Topic: 1334 Message: 1334

Howdy all, I'm a new member and new to hams (been waiting 2 weeks for my call sign).
I probably won't be using my HT on my bicycle much but I would like to wire it up for use on some of my motorcycles so I joined this list to get some ideas.
I'm a RAM-Mounts dealer so that would be the natural way to go but they don't make anything specifically for my HT (Yaesu VX-7R).
I'll probably go with a universal RAM Mount but figured I should check here first.
Any ideas?
Thanks.
--

Catfish
www.FarkleMasters.com
IBA #12835
AMA Lifer 462122

1335. RE: [BMHA] New Member/Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-01 06:55:22 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 1334 Message: 1335

I actually used Velcro to mount my D7 and Garmin V to my motorcycle (Honda 1200) for a number of years. I still use it to mount the radio and GPS to my bicycles. It is one thing you could think of. Just use a lip on the bottom of the backing if it is close to vertical to provide support for the weight of the device so that the Velcro is primarily keeping the radio or GPS from flying out of the holder.
For the Garmin V I hand bent a thin piece of aluminum sheet into a V shape to match the back of the GPS and had a flat back with a short lip at the top which hooked over the edge of the surface I mounted it to to hold it. I velcroed the mount to the bike and the Garmin to the mount.
I can send you pictures if you want.
I do like the RAM mounts on the new GL1800 better though. Luck would have it that they have the mount for my current GPS, the 2610, and with a little epoxy, I have the D700 control head and my Sirrius radio control mounted on the same RAM mount where the little Honda Emblem was under the ignition key.

73

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----- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
----- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
----- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 50,000 miles
----- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 65,000 miles
----- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
----- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
----- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-10&radar=***

----- Original Message -----
From: Catfish
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 5/31/2007 5:07:28 PM
Subject: [BMHA] New Member/Questions

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1336. BMHA Webserver is down

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-01 12:55:43 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1336 Message: 1336

I am sorry to announce that last night the webserver hosting the BMHA site had a hard-drive crash and is down.

I don't have time to repair it today, but we should have the site back online fairly soon.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1337. Re: New Member/Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-01 13:08:24 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1334 Message: 1337

> I'm a RAM-Mounts dealer so that would be the natural way to go but they
> don't make anything specifically for my HT (Yaesu VX-7R).

WELCOME to the group - and to the wonderful amateur radio hobby!

The RAM-B-138-BC1 will accomodate most any HT that has a tradional belt clip. The RAM-B-149Z-BC1 has the U-Bolt attachment method got handlebars.

I slip the stock VX-7R belt clip off, and use a strap of Velcro to secure the VX-7R to this RAM
platform mount. Pictures at...

http://www.clintbradford.com

Clint Bradford, K6LCS

1338. BMHA Webserver is back up

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-02 01:52:41 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1336 Message: 1338

Heed the 11th Commandment -- Thou Shalt Make Backups

The BMHA Webserver is back in service. The hard drive failed (I've never heard one complain so loudly -- it sounded as if the bearings had turned into sand).

Since this hard drive (a laptop 60 GB drive) had been dropped bare (outside of the laptop) a few feet onto a wooden floor a few months ago, I was careful to have a spare handy.

Today, that spare was used (another 60 GB drive, but one which has been treated much more kindly).

We are fully restored (except for a few page hit counts) and should be online without any data loss.

http://www.BMHA-Hams.org

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1339. Re: [BMHA] Re: New Member/Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-02 19:48:37 UTC
From: Catfish
Topic: 1334 Message: 1339

Thanks for the pics.
I already stock the handlebar mounts and I have a BC1 on order.
If that doesn't fly I'll be posting for more ideas.
Thanks again.

Catfish
www.FarkleMasters.com
IBA #12835
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Clint Bradford wrote:
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> Clint Bradford, K6LCS
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>
> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby
spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.
>
> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for questions and/or
suggestions.
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1340. BMHA Newsletter Vol 16 No 1 Link has been posted in Links Section

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-03 03:52:15 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1340 Message: 1340

I have posted the link to the latest BMHA newsletter, and our first free newsletter, in the Links section. This and future newsletter will be available to all, however those who complete the BMHA application will receive the link to the latest newsletter as soon as it is available.

Please send newsletter articles for publication to Norm, N9ZKS at:

n9zks@...

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

1341. Bicyle HF antenna, gutter mount?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-08 07:08:57 UTC
From: dombaines
Topic: 1341 Message: 1341

Hi all,

Any mobile antenna experts have any suggestions or recommendations for a gutter mount HF antenna... for use on a bicycle (rear rack)?

Thinking about trying it out with a blue tooth headset and FT817 with a blue tooth audio tx gadget this summer as I have a long distance cycle trip. Might be amusing to see what is possible if nothing else.

I will not be trailing a radial for hopefully obvious reasons but would I have any issues with needing to ground the frame as the tyres will act as insulators.

I would be able to deploy radials and a ground when stationary or at campsites.

I know a dual band whip for 2m or 70cm works fine as did that last summer but thought might be fun to see what is possible on HF.

Also posted to the GQRP group.

73

Dom
HB9/M1KTA

1342. Re: [BMHA] Bicyle HF antenna, gutter mount?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-09 04:55:29 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1341 Message: 1342

dombaines wrote:
> Hi all,
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> a gutter mount HF antenna... for use on a bicycle (rear rack)?
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>
I don't know that I qualify as a mobile antenna expert yet... ;-) But
for my 2-cents-worth...

I bolted a gutter-mount antenna mount to my aluminum rear rack - didn't use the clamp pieces, just laid the flat side of the mount directly on the rack and drilled holes for bolts so a very good connection mechanically and electrically. I didn't do anything else though - I've heard some people do a lot of extra bonding between components (rack to bike, etc) to ensure good electrical connections. The mount has an SO239 on it, so any mobile antenna that uses that works fine.

For HF I was pleasantly surprised to find the ATAS-120 I had bought for use on my car loads / tunes up just fine on the bike. Don't know if that was purely luck or what... It is an "auto-tuning" antenna, and the FT-817 won't drive it (I have an FT-857) but MFJ makes a little box to manually adjust it. It seems to work well. First time out I made a 40M contact OK to GA with 20W, and I hear quite a few decent signals with it.

One caveat I've found is that the ATAS-120 is only so-so for 2M/70CM. It works, but performance is nowhere near the dual-band mobile antenna I had been using previously.

I will also concede this is a rather pricey antenna to put on a bike...!

I've wondered how the ATAS-25 would work - it is the manually tuned antenna "designed for" the FT-817. Not sure if it would hold up to mobile use, or is more for fixed-portable. It also isn't much cheaper... I rather like being able to change bands while in motion, so will probably just stick with the 120.

Good riding!
Joe / N5USR

1343. Re: Bicyle HF antenna, gutter mount?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-12 10:20:38 UTC
From: dombaines
Topic: 1341 Message: 1343

Thanks for the comments Joe.

Not intending to try an ATAS antenna, bit too big. I will order a SPX-100 and use it with a 3/8" mount.

73

Dom

1344. Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-17 00:54:28 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1344 Message: 1344

I may be asking too much... Wouldn't be the first time! :-)

What headsets have others used with good success? One of the most obvious concerns I see is comfortably wearing it with a helmet, if it uses an over-the-head band. Coming along right behind that is having an effective windscreen of some sort - something I've never been able to adequately solve. So far I've pretty much just had to stop moving if I'm headed into or across the wind. (And if it's windy enough, even that doesn't help much.)

I have heard all kinds of good things about the Heil line of microphones and headsets, and am considering a Traveler Single Side for mobile (driving) use, but it looks like that would be very difficult to use with a helmet. The BM-5 looks much less "massive" but would still be hard to use with a helmet. (Of course, I haven't actually seen either - so my perception may be wrong.)

Any other lines / models that would work well?

One option I'd be open to (for the car as well) is using an external speaker to listen - I would actually prefer this most of the time, I find headphones somewhat annoying for extended use - and just having a headset mic but I haven't found much in that line.

Joe / N5USR

1345. Re: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-17 01:24:09 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1344 Message: 1345

----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Martine, N5USR"

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>
For what radio?

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://n1jdu.org/Fandom/science.htm
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1346. Re: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-17 01:28:59 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1344 Message: 1346

Richard Amirault wrote:
> For what radio?
>
Yaesu FT-857D.

1347. Re: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-17 01:59:37 UTC
From: Roger Reini
Topic: 1344 Message: 1347

I'd like to open this up for other radios, as well. For instance,
HT's -- in my case, an Alinco DR-635T.

Roger, KD8CSE

On Jun 16, 2007, at 9:28 PM, Joe Martine, N5USR wrote:

> Richard Amirault wrote:
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> >
> Yaesu FT-857D.
>
> __._._

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1348. RE: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-17 02:14:05 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 1344 Message: 1348

I have not figured out what I will use when I switch to HF on the bicycle. Currently I use an ear bud with an over the ear hook and a small boom mike for VHF/UHF. My helmet straps hold it in place and it was designed for my Kenwood D7 with a push to talk button I clip to the safety bungee I use over the radio and GPS.
On my motorcycle I use J&M helmet speakers and mike. They have EXCELLENT noise rejection. "Doesn't sound like you're mobile," while I'm rolling at 75 mph. J&M makes a number of units that could be mounted almost anywhere and might be the answer if you can make up appropriate interface wiring.

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----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 6/16/2007 7:54:48 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

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Joe / N5USR

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1349. Hello!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-17 17:07:57 UTC
From: Craig Martin
Topic: 1349 Message: 1349

Hello all, I am a new member of the group.

For the past seven or so years I have been doing ham radio support as the Net Control Station for the MICHIGANDER FAT TIRE BICYCLE TOUR. The MICHIGANDER route changes every year, but the basics of each route are that in six days the bikers ride up to 350 miles on RailTrails and back roads connecting to more RailTrails, all with published SAG stations about every ten miles, and stopping each day at a new place to camp. Each morning the riders break camp, load their gear (tent and luggage) on a truck which forwards it to the next campsite, and then they take off the day's adventure. We've gone thru some very neat little country towns every day. Breakfast and dinner are provided at the campsites, usually schools. The riders only have to provide for their own lunch each day. The route always has many lunch choices along the way. The whole thing is co-ordinated via a 2 meter mobile net that repeater hops as the ride traverses across the state. It's quite a bit of work just to get all the repeaters lined up each year. The MICHIGANDER has used hams since the second year and this year I think is the 16th year. The ride is the 3rd week in July, this year the 14th thru the 20th of July. There is a two day ride and a six day ride. The two day ride on the weekend stars that Saturday, and the six day ride overlaps starting on Sunday and shares the day with the 2 day ride. On that Sunday we have had over 1,000 riders to keep track up and monitor health and welfare as well as keep the SAG stations supplied.

I didn't really mean for this to be a commercial, but as this ride is kinda like my bona fides, my chops, or whatever you want to call your years of bicycle mobile experience, I thought it would serve as common ground to the group.

BUT, if any of you are interested in more details about the ride I would be happy to share. You might want to mark your calendars for next year, hams ride for half price if they are willing to be an asset to the net and help with the success of the ride.

I also have a little experience with 2 meter bicycle mobile myself, but only locally. I had my bike fixed up at one time with a dual band HT and I would carry on conversations with friends as I rode around town. I always have wanted to be bicycle mobile on the MICHIGANDER but in the earlier years I was never confident that I could ride the whole day and not have to be SAGGED in myself. Besides, just doing the NCS duties was quite a bit of fun and very much a challenge at times.

Well, I've gotten long winded as usual when I really should have just said Hello and thanks for letting me in the group.

Have a good ride everyone.

73 de n8vip

Craig Martin
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1350. Re: Hello!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-17 18:40:23 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1349 Message: 1350

Craig,

Very Interesting, this Michigan ride. I just returned from a motorcycle week in the hills of eastern Oklahoma and Arkansas. I'd sure like to do the Michigan ride.

What is the cost for a tandem bike?

73 de Scott/n7net

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asset to the net and help with the success of the ride.
>
> I also have a little experience with 2 meter bicycle mobile myself, but only locally. I had my bike fixed up at one time with a dual band HT and I would carry on conversations with friends as I rode around town. I always have wanted to be bicycle mobile on the MICHIGANDER but in the earlier years I was never confident that I could ride the whole day and not have to be SAGGED in myself. Besides, just doing the NCS duties was quite a bit of fun and very much a challenge at times.
>
> Well, I've gotten long winded as usual when I really should have just said Hello and thanks for letting me in the group.
>
> Have a good ride everyone.
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> 73 de n8vip
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> Craig Martin
> PRECISION IMAGERY - A frame of mind.
> www.PrecisionImagery.com
> Providing Accurate and Alternative Visual Realities,
> Digitally Restored Images, and Enhancements.
> By Appointment Only.
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> PeoplePC Online
> A better way to Internet
> http://www.peoplepc.com
>

1351. Re: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-17 19:43:12 UTC
From: list email filter
Topic: 1344 Message: 1351

Joe,

I have both the Heil Traveler single side, and the BM-5, neither would be wearable with any of my bike helmets. They're both great products, but their over the head straps make them useless for this application. About the only thing I've found that works on the bike is the ear-bud style, and the only time I've beat the wind noise issue while tx'ing, is when I'm in a wind "pocket", with a tail wind, nearly the same speed as I'm going.

73,

Erik
N7HMS
IRLP Node 3804 445.975 Simp PL103.5

Emails sent directly to this address instead of going through a yahoo group are automatically processed as junk mail, so I never see them. If you want to email me directly, try 'mycall' at 12bars dot com, thanks.

Joe Martine, N5USR wrote:
> I may be asking too much... Wouldn't be the first time! :-)
>
> What headsets have others used with good success? One of the most
> obvious concerns I see is comfortably wearing it with a helmet, if it
> uses an over-the-head band. Coming along right behind that is having an
> effective windscreen of some sort - something I've never been able to
> adequately solve. So far I've pretty much just had to stop moving if
> I'm headed into or across the wind. (And if it's windy enough, even
> that doesn't help much.)
>
> I have heard all kinds of good things about the Heil line of microphones
> and headsets, and am considering a Traveler Single Side for mobile
> (driving) use, but it looks like that would be very difficult to use
> with a helmet. The BM-5 looks much less "massive" but would still be
> hard to use with a helmet. (Of course, I haven't actually seen either -
> so my perception may be wrong.)
>
> Any other lines / models that would work well?
>
> One option I'd be open to (for the car as well) is using an external
> speaker to listen - I would actually prefer this most of the time, I
> find headphones somewhat annoying for extended use - and just having a
> headset mic but I haven't found much in that line.
>
> Joe / N5USR

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1352. Re: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-18 00:31:39 UTC
From: Mark J. Dulcey
Topic: 1344 Message: 1352

list email filter wrote:
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> when I'm in a wind "pocket", with a tail wind, nearly the same speed as
> I'm going.

Headsets that go around the back of the head can also work with a bicycle. I know that Logitech and Sennheiser both make headsets with microphones in that style for computer use; it should be possible to adapt them for ham radio applications.

You'll want the old-fashioned analog models, not USB headsets. Though at least one Logitech model that might be a candidate, the Premium Notebook Headset, has analog I/O plus a USB audio device that you can optionally plug the analog I/O into -- use the USB with your notebook computer, and the analog with your radio.

The ones I know about are DUAL headsets, which might be a regulatory issue in some locations. If you're just concerned about too much sonic immersion, only feed sound to one ear; the headsets I know of in that style don't offer any acoustic isolation to speak of, so you'll be able to hear just fine with a covered ear so long as you're not feeding audio to it.

I have tried riding with a pair of open headphones in that style (without a microphone). Wind noise is a problem; it's difficult to hear anything. YMMV, depending on specific headphone design. Wind noise in the microphone may also be a problem. You'll have to try a candidate design and see if it works for you.

Standard ear buds (like the ones that come with an iPod) fall right out of my ears, so I can't offer any opinion on them. The kind that insert into the ear canal (Etymotic, et. al.) have way too much acoustic isolation for bicycle mobile use, though some might find them acceptable if worn in only one ear.

1353. Re: Hello!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-18 11:40:46 UTC
From: n8vip2004
Topic: 1349 Message: 1353

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Scott Laughlin" <n7net@...> wrote:
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> Craig,
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> Very Interesting, this Michigan ride. I just returned from a
> motorcycle week in the hills of eastern Oklahoma and Arkansas.
I'd
> sure like to do the Michigan ride.
>
> What is the cost for a tandem bike?
>
> 73 de Scott/n7net
>
Hello Scott,

You can find more detailed information at the following website:

http://www.michigantrails.org/michigander.asp

But here are some details you might be interested in...

1354. Re: MICHIGANDER RIDE INFO

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-18 11:57:10 UTC
From: n8vip2004
Topic: 1349 Message: 1354

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> 73 de Scott/n7net
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Ok, this time I'll monitor my fat fingers a little better and get
the information in the post before I send it hi hi.

Detailed information can be found at the following webiste:

http://www.michigantrails.org/michigander.asp

The cost to ride depends on how many days you want to be on the
ride. There is a 2 day, 6 day, and 7 day ride. The 7 day ride is
just doing all of the weekend ride and the 6 day ride combined. The
6 day and 2 day rides overlap on the same Sunday. Mail in
registration ends on July 5th. The ride is July 14-20 this year. The
cost for adults on the 2 day ride is $90 plus a $15 post May 1st
late fee. Same ride but for youths (age 7-17) is $80 plus the same
$15 late fee. Kids age 1-6 are free, but must be attended to at all
times. The 6 day ride is $263 for adults plus a $35 post May 1st
late fee. Youths for the same ride are $243 plus $35 for the late
fee. The 7-day ride for adults is $298 plus $35 for the late fee.
Youths are $278 plus $35 for the late fee.

So, if I have my math correctly and using the 7 day ride as the max,
for participating hams, depending on if they wave the late fee, if
they half the late fee, or if they charge you the full late fee,
would be somewhere between $156.50 and $173 per adult since
participating hams ride for half price, for the whole seven days. In
addition to that you would want to at least bring along lunch money
and money for rafting or whatever.

Mark you calendar, for bicycle riding hams it is a great experience.

73 de n8vip

1355. Re: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-18 16:19:12 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 1344 Message: 1355

One thing I would offer up to this discussion is that cycling with
full (both ear) headphones is a bad idea from a safety standpoint.

Having hf and vhf cycled from Canada to the Florida keys, hearing what
is behind and around you is critical. I went with a single ear "
loop around the ear" headphone for my right ear, leaving my left open
for listening to traffic. (I cut off the other ear piece) The Mic
was nothing more that a headset element with a very large wind screen
on it. It worked well on cutting noise down up to about 20 mph.

I wired a ptt swith on my handlebars to control everything. Worked
well for both the 817 as well as the kenwood aprs ready ht.

-Jay n1rwy

On 6/17/07, Mark J. Dulcey <mark@...> wrote:
> list email filter wrote:
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1356. Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-18 21:01:26 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1344 Message: 1356

Not only restricted hearing, but static crashes and a sudden band opening will blow your ears off if both ears are covered.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Jay <whereisjay@...> wrote:
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1357. Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-18 22:24:46 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 1344 Message: 1357

The latest issue of QST has an article on building an interface box to use an analog PC headset with an Icom HF rig. The same approach could be adapted for other radios. Depending on where the radio/control head is mounted, I'd consider adding a volume control to the PTT and up/down buttons.

Definitely use a 1-ear headset - the motor vehicle code in most states (it's the case here in Virginia) prohibit covering both ears for cyclists as well as other vehicle operators.

73 de KS1G

1358. Re: [BMHA] Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-18 23:42:11 UTC
From: Mark J. Dulcey
Topic: 1344 Message: 1358

BrassRat77 wrote:

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The only problem is that all of the one-ear headsets I have ever seen are either the kind with a band that goes over the top of the head (incompatible with a helmet), or use earbuds (which don't work for some of us). I've seen a couple of headsets for HTs that use an over the ear clip; those could work. If you're willing to sacrifice part of your nice PC headset, I suppose you could remove one earpiece from one of the behind-the-head sets I was suggesting.

If anybody out there finds a model that works really well for radio use, tell us about it!

1359. Re: [BMHA] Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-19 02:37:27 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1344 Message: 1359

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Mark J. Dulcey"
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RE: One-ear headset I used, very successfully, an Icom HS-51 (I think
that's the model) that had a band over the top of the head AND it used an
"earbud" style earpiece. The headband was mostly for holding the mic boom.
It was a little snug under a helmet but not objectionable if positioned just
right.

The best think about that headset was it included both a VOX and a latching
PTT feature. VOX on the bike does not work .. but the latching PTT worked
quite well .. for me at least. Not as good as a PTT on the handlebar but it
worked. All I had to do was take on hand off the bar and squeeze the button
to talk .. squeeze it again to stop talking.

As I understand it this headset only works with certain models of Icom HT's.
Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://n1jdu.org/Fandom/science.htm
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ
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1360. Re: [BMHA] Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-19 03:03:52 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 1344 Message: 1360

I used to have a bicycle helmet that i mounted a set of head set speakers to. I made a cut into the Styrofoam above each ear and inserted a piece of flexible plastic (cut from a nalgene bottle). I then mounted the right and left speakers appropriately. They did not press against my ears, so they did not obstruct my hearing of traffic noise or other sounds. As long as you use your head when adjusting the volume, they worked quite well. They had the advantage of not needing to be so loud as to disturb other riders as a speaker on the handlebars etc might have. Those of you riding recumbent have an advantage of being able to mount a speaker(s) right behind your head which would make hearing them quite well.

Currently I use a unit like the MFJ unit shown at this site.
http://www.mfjenterprises.com/pictures/MFJ-293K.jpg
I have not had any much problem with people complaining about wind noise as my heavy breathing from being out of shape drowns out the wind noise.

If you have a problem with wind noise on your transmissions, you need a true noise canceling microphone. They are the standard on motorcycle intercom or communication microphones. Bob Heil once showed me how they built microphones for Nascar Pit crews so that the noise of the cars would not prevent communication with the drivers. It can be done!

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----- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
----- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
----- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 53,000 miles
----- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 65,000 miles
----- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
----- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
----- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-10&radar=***

----- Original Message -----
From: Mark J. Dulcey
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 6/18/2007 7:13:00 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

BrassRat77 wrote:

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behind-the-head sets I was suggesting.

If anybody out there finds a model that works really well for radio use, tell us about it!

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1361. Re: [BMHA] Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-19 02:50:04 UTC
From: Len N9IJ
Topic: 1344 Message: 1361

Mark J. Dulcey wrote:
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> BrassRat77 wrote:
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> No virus found in this incoming message.
> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.5.472 / Virus Database: 269.9.0/852 - Release Date: 6/17/2007 8:23 AM
>
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Check out Otto Engineering. They make ear phones for
many portables, both public safety and amateur, that should work under
helmets. They also have in-ear mic/phones units for many HT's.

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Len Revelle N9IJ
"My career goal is to retire"

1362. Re: [BMHA] Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-19 04:38:08 UTC
From: list email filter
Topic: 1344 Message: 1362

Norman, don't take this personally, but you've just hit one of my hot buttons. Creative solutions aside...

<RANT MODE>
I would "never" use a bike helmet that has had some of the styrofoam cut away. I've limped away from some spectacular and not so spectacular crashes, where instead of serious injury, I only ended up with minor concussions (My helmets did their job, and broke... my head didn't!). Not sure I'd still be here if I hadn't had an intact helmet on before the crash. Lets face it, we don't wear the things because of the fashion statement they make. We wear them for protection, and weakening them before we even put them on seems to rather defeat the purpose.
</RANT MODE>

Please folks, don't carve up your helmets, glues are also a no no. These helmets are designed to provide maximum comfort, minimum weight, and still meet a safety standard, any structural alteration makes them useless.

73,

Erik, N7HMS
IRLP Node 3804 445.975 Simp PL103.5
North Bend, WA CN97ck

Emails sent directly to this address instead of going through a yahoo group are automatically processed as junk mail, so I never see them. If you want to email me directly, please use 'mycall' at 12bars dot com, thanks.

Norman Huber wrote:
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1363. Re: [BMHA] Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-20 20:50:41 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1344 Message: 1363

I have been using the Telex Stinger model 700 and 750 for bike mobile for several years. Here is the link:
http://www.telexwireless.com/landmobile/Product.aspx?MarketID=8&CategoryID=21&ProductID=67

These might be a little on the expensive side, but they work great. The band wraps around the back of my head from one ear to the other, well under my bike helmet. It has a single ear speaker which sits just outside/alongside the ear and doesn't cover it or plug it. The boom mic is adjustable and has a nice wind sock. There is a weatherproof standard PTT button that can be attached or draped over the handlebars. No locking type PTT, but that sounds really neat.

I usually mount an HT on the handlebars with a long (16") rubber ducky, then coil the cable around the handlebar so that the PTT is accessable, then run the cable to the headset. I have used it either with or without a breakaway connection in the cable. I feel a little more comfortable with the breakaway connection, as I always have nightmares of crashing and being strangled by the headset cable :-(If the radio & PTT & headset were all on your body, then a breakaway connection wouldn't be needed.

73 Roger WB0DGF

Fussy? Opinionated? Impossible to please? Perfect. Join Yahoo!'s user panel and lay it on us.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1364. Re: Effective / comfortable headsets for cycling?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-21 12:25:44 UTC
From: w9jwt
Topic: 1344 Message: 1364

Roger ... any ideas as to where to purchase this headset now? I tried the Telex site and the only dealer that came up was in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates!

Thanks and 73,
Dave, W9JWT

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Roger Cox <antennaguy2@...> wrote:
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1365. FIELD DAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-21 14:50:14 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1365 Message: 1365

What's everybody planning for FD?

I'm using the standard bike mobile HF set up with a few addendums.

This year I want to spend a few hours in the middle of the night scooping up some 80 mtr CW Qs so I've added a 20W halogen fog light and an array of flashing LEDs. But the coup de grace is the two 80 meter ham sticks in an L configuration. The only redeeming factor in the whole goofy looking setup is that it will be dark and the punks in pick up trucks will get distracted by the flashing lights.

The other addendum is the K3 memory keyer with outboard push buttons. How many times can you send "1C IL" from a handle bar mounted paddle before your hand falls off?

Anybody up for a challenge? If so, and you are on any sort of movable vehicle, I'd recommend a good look at Class 1C. It seems to be a class that isn't taken very seriously by most - how else do you explain a bike mobile finishing third last year? Let's just hope that those maritime mobile guys get distracted by the "girls-gone-wild" boat down the coast.

Goals for this year: 300 cw Q's, 100 miles on the bike, raging case of bike butt, and not running into the back of a parked police vehicle. (Don't ask).

Cordially,

Ron
W9XS, 1C, IL

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Don?t miss your chance to WIN $10,000 and other great prizes from Microsoft Office Live http://clk.atdmt.com/MRT/go/aub0540003042mrt/direct/01/

1366. [BMHA] FIELD DAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-21 15:16:26 UTC
From: N9DI
Topic: 1365 Message: 1366

I'll be on 20 meters, class 1C SSB as Tricycle Mobile on local Rails to
Trails path in Southern IL.

Dave N9DI
oneditman@...

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1367. RE: [BMHA] FIELD DAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-21 21:44:36 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1365 Message: 1367

Let's just hope those high pressure front sit on us over the weekend!

Ron, w9xs

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I'll be on 20 meters, class 1C SSB as Tricycle Mobile on local Rails to
Trails path in Southern IL.

Dave N9DI
oneditman@...

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1368. Re: [BMHA] FIELD DAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-22 13:37:13 UTC
From: Len N9IJ
Topic: 1365 Message: 1368

Ron Baran wrote:
> What's everybody planning for FD?
>
> I'm using the standard bike mobile HF set up with a few addendums.
>
> This year I want to spend a few hours in the middle of the night scooping up
> some 80 mtr CW Qs so I've added a 20W halogen fog light and an array of
> flashing LEDs. But the coup de grace is the two 80 meter ham sticks in an L
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Len Revelle N9IJ
"My career goal is to retire"

1369. Re: [BMHA] FIELD DAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-22 14:16:04 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1365 Message: 1369

Oh no - another bike mobile out of the competition, Lenny. Wake you up AND knock your donut on the floor. I would be in big trouble. Although you get bonus points for coming in contact with a government official. And here you thought it was an accident!

It does look like a few guys and gals are going to be bike mobile for FD however it gives me an idea for next year. Remember. Chicago. Cubs. Wait'll next year.

Thursday Nite Trashin. I get a headache just at the mention of the name. Was talking to IZN's kids (who are now in their forties) and they said he may be coming back to the area from CA. Hope when he does he buys something with a garage. :-) We could all sit around on Thursday nights and drink Geritol spiked with Viagra and get silly.

73,

Ron w9xs

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1370. Watch for the bike mobiles, 1C's, this weekend

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-22 13:56:45 UTC
From: W3FF@aol.com
Topic: 1370 Message: 1370

Yesterday I worked Dave, N9DI, from his trike into Northern CA. Condx were not great, but we did manage a Q. Dave's a hoot.

That drillin' and fillin' Ron Baran, W9XS, is always there on FD. Hey Ron, hope we can catch each other on the weekend.

I'm in Northern CA. Will spend some time with the local guys at their operations, and will be on the trike here giving out contacts from Northern CA. A couple of pix here.....at the bottom of the tiny website.....www.w3ff.us.

Get out and get on the air. There will be lots of "forced" openings this weekend on Field Day. If you choose bike mobile, you will be a 1C and then you send your ARRL Section. Mine will be " 1C SV "

Budd

********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1371. Pictures of my Field Day setup using Trice XLNT and Buddistick

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-24 23:14:36 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1371 Message: 1371

I posted a few pictures in the Photos section of my setup I used for Field Day 2007. The albumn name is Field Day 2007. My trike is a Trice XLNT and I attached the BOB trailer and put the batteries in the BOB bag along with the FT-817, Elecraft T1 autotuner and Buddistick bag and rode out to a local park and setup my station. I have a side bag on the trike and put the FT-817 and autotuner in it and attached the Buddistick on the back of the BOB frame. I ran the coax and power cable through BOB and the trike frame and to the radio and tuner. I used a set of Palm paddles for keying. I operated as 1B although I could have used 1C as I could be in motion if I wanted to. I didn't make a lot of contacts but did manage about 40 in the short time I operated on 20 and 15.

This setup wasn't intended to be an in motion setup but rather as a portable station using BOB as the transport mechanism. I do have plans however to attach an antenna to BOB that could be used in motion.

I would like to see what others used this year for field day and please post some of your pictures either in the PHOTO section or a link to your site.

73-Mike, NF0N

1372. RE: [BMHA] Pictures of my Field Day setup using Trice XLNT and Buddistick

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-06-29 00:11:50 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1371 Message: 1372

Nice setup, Mike. After looking at your station I would say that you could choose what class you want to be in. The 1C (mobile) does not require that you ever be in motion. I would say that most in that class are vehicles that are at rest - whether cars, RVs or boats.

What class did you declare? I like the idea of the BOB with the antenna and batteries. I use a comfort bike and all the added weight alters the handling characteristics. I've a feeling that the BOB makes it a much smoother ride. Or no?

73

Ron w9xs

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1373. WB9GIE photos

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-02 02:33:19 UTC
From: Elroy W. Shelley, Jr.
Topic: 1373 Message: 1373

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WB9GIE/bicycle mobile
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1374. Re: WB9GIE photos

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-02 13:32:12 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1373 Message: 1374

Elroy,

We have a newsletter editor now. I'm sure he would appreciate receiving any material you'd care to bright to light. I'm even more certain that we, his readers, would enjoy sharing your memories.

Last month friend even more ancient than myself, rode his motorcycle from Oregon to Texas and accompanied me from Dallas to The Devil's Den State Park in Arkansas. Somewhere in east Oklahoma, we paused at a bench at the side of a deserted back-road and waited for the rural silence to catch up with us. We were busy with our own thoughts. Mine were that we would not have traveled such a great distance so quickly on a bicycle, but we would certainly have had more to discuss while we rested.

Marty Basch, in his book, *Above The Circle*, states that "...the world turns more slowly from the seat of a bicycle...." Indeed, it does. But you already know that.

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1375. Re: WB9GIE photos

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-05 15:35:56 UTC
From: Elroy W. Shelley, Jr.
Topic: 1373 Message: 1375

Thanks, Scott, for your thoughts on all of these bike mobile items...

In 2002, I went from bicycling everyday to work and other places, to traveling full time around the country troubleshooting RF noise that affects RFID systems in hospitals, retirement homes, etc, for a company called RF Technologies, Inc, located in Brookfield, WI. That seriously cut into my bicycling time, but, on the other hand, I've been fortunate enough to see a lot of the country I haven't seen before... Monday and Tuesday of this week I was in St. Joseph, MO, and after a few local/regional site visits next week, I'll be heading to Athens, GA, soon. Three weeks ago I was out on Long Island, NY, for a week... I take my little VX-2R with me, and occasionally my FT-817, so it's possible I may meet a lot of people I've worked from the bicycle over the years on their local repeaters or in-person... It seems like actual bicycling time has dwindled to a lifetime minimum the past 5 years though... And, after turning 55 years old last winter, I may have to resort to some different techniques for staying in shape for any serious bicycling in the future...

Scott, there used to be a Sunday BMHA HF net on 20 meters back around 1990 or so that I used to check into from the bike, do you have any idea if the BMHA is still doing that? I think Mike, NF0N was net control back then...

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1376. Re: [BMHA] Re: WB9GIE photos

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-05 16:07:23 UTC
From: Catfish
Topic: 1373 Message: 1376

Where were you Stony Brook?
Did you have any down time while you were here?

Catfish
www.FarkleMasters.com
IBA #12835
AMA Lifer 462122

Three weeks ago I was out on Long Island, NY,
> for a week...

> Elroy Shelley, Jr.
> WB9GIE

1377. Re: [BMHA] Re: WB9GIE photos

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-08 22:31:57 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1373 Message: 1377

Elroy,

You probably have your travel/cycling details already figured out, but I'll pass along my wee bit of information, anyway.

When I lived in Oregon I spent a lot of time at Bike Friday, and I watched the in ital preparation to open a market in Australia.

The sales manager was preparing for the trip. Of course it was important that that after his arrival there be as much bicycle travel as possible.

Ian, one of the brothers, built a trailer on which his luggage would fit, and the trailer attached to an Air Friday.

Everything stowed in such a manner that the bike, trailer, and luggage went on the plane as carry on.

Of course, this all happened prior to 9/11, so that sort of thing might not be possible today.

My point: it may be possible to have a bike as a travel companion, as it were.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1378. MICHIGANDER FAT TIRE BIKE TOUR

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-09 12:34:04 UTC
From: n8vip2004
Topic: 1378 Message: 1378

Hello everyone,

Well, the MICHIGANDER bike tour starts this Saturday and I am facing a mountain of details to get ready. I had someone lined up as ham radio sweeper, but she dillied and dallied and wasn't ready and missed all the exam dates. So, *I* who have only a 20 mile butt am going to plug myself into that position and sweep selected parts of the route that can't be swept by car. A good part of the ride each year is on Rail Trails and we use back roads to connect to other trails. I've been doing some 20 mile rides around town almost every day on the fat tire bike for the past two weeks and I'm looking forward to the experience. After all these years as Ham Radio Co-ordinator and mobile NCS, I am getting to ride bicycle mobile.

I'll try and give updates along the way. Wish me luck and I'll do my best not to shame the Bicycle mobile community.

Good ride everyone!

Craig / n8vip

1379. Fat Tire Bike Tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-11 05:03:38 UTC
From: Ham Pig at Play
Topic: 1379 Message: 1379

Craig,

That sounds like a lot of fun. I wish we had rails to trails out here, but the railroad tracks are just rusting and not being used.

You didn't say if you were going to be VHF - UHF mobile or HF mobile. If you are going HF mobile or take a multi-band rig with you, try to make some casual QSOs. Always a great reaction from the other ham when they find out they are talking with a ham on a bicycle. For a lot of them it is a first and really special.

Regardless if you are only on VHF or on HF, have fun and be safe, wear a helmet.
The doc said I would most likely be dead or paralyzed if I hadn't been wearing my helmet.

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Posted by: "n8vip2004" n8vip@... n8vip2004
Mon Jul 9, 2007 5:34 am (PST)

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1380. Re: Fat Tire Bike Tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-11 12:42:59 UTC
From: n8vip2004
Topic: 1379 Message: 1380

Thanks Rem,

Yes, I ALWAYS wear a helmet. The ride requires it anyway, so even if I didn't normally use a SkidLid I'd have to wear one for the MICHIGANDER.

I'll have my FT-817 HF QRP rig along for making contacts in camp, but for Bicycle Mobile it will be an Icom HT.

The net is run on 2 meter repeaters along our route, often more than two a day. The tour has hundreds of riders and not all the hams are bicycle mobile, a lot of the stationary SAGs are hams and use their radios once a year for this one event. When the ride is not on Rail/Trails I will probably be car mobile as I can cover more ground on patrol. The MICHIGANDER sets the bar pretty high for taking care of it's riders, no other ride in Michigan that I know of takes such efforts to always be on top of every situation. When you're dealing with hundreds of people you're going to have emergencies. That is what the 2 meter net is all about, as well as logistics and weather watch.

Well, back to the details of getting ready. Mark your calendars for next year, 3rd week in July every year, different route across Michigan every year, always featuring Rail/Trails, some paved, some "undeveloped" and two track, some back roads, always lots of fun.

73 de n8vip -Craig
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> trails. I've been doing some 20 mile rides around town almost every
> day on the fat tire bike for the past two weeks and I'm looking
> forward to the experience. After all these years as Ham Radio Co-
> ordinator and mobile NCS, I am getting to ride bicycle mobile.
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> I'll try and give updates along the way. Wish me luck and I'll do
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> best not to shame the Bicycle mobile community.
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> Good ride everyone!
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> Craig / n8vip
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1381. Re: Fat Tire Bike Tour...HELMETS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-11 13:06:31 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1379 Message: 1381

Helmets are a good thing to wear.

Sunday I was riding an unfamiliar street, and decided to explore a city park. When I returned it exit onto the street, doing so was not convenient, I would have had to make a sharp 180. The entire block was vacant, so I decided to follow the sidewalk to the next ramp.

Ahead, the sidewalk was wet, looking as though someone had over-watered their lawn, and the excess had run across the sidewalk.

Not!

It was actually an underground water leak and beneath the skim of water was a growth of slime that exceeds the limits of my vocabulary. One moment the bike was beneath me, the next instant it was somewhere else. Still airborne, I was headed toward a large post made of local stone, and bound to hit it head first. I recall thinking how fortunate it was I decided to wear my helmet on this fateful morning. As it turned out, I landed in the grass on my hands and knees, and about a foot short of the impact.

I guess there will be no mental discussion about wearing the helmet from here on out.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Ham Pig at Play <pigatplay@...> wrote:
>
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> Craig,
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>
> That sounds like a lot of fun. I wish we had rails to trails out
> here, but the railroad tracks are just rusting and not being used.
>
> You didn't say if you were going to be VHF - UHF mobile or HF
mobile.
> If you are going HF mobile or take a multi-band rig with you, try
to
> make some casual QSOs. Always a great reaction from the other ham
> when they find out they are talking with a ham on a bicycle. For
a
> lot of them it is a first and really special.
>
> Regardless if you are only on VHF or on HF, have fun and be safe,
> wear a helmet.
> The doc said I would most likely be dead or paralyzed if I hadn't

> been wearing my helmet.
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> Posted by: "n8vip2004" n8vip@... n8vip2004
> Mon Jul 9, 2007 5:34 am (PST)
>
> Hello everyone,
>
> Well, the MICHIGANDER bike tour starts this Saturday and I am facing
> a mountain of details to get ready. I had someone lined up as ham
> radio sweeper, but she dillied and dallied and wasn't ready and
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1382. radio handlebar mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-13 16:38:21 UTC
From: Scott
Topic: 1382 Message: 1382

I was perusing the internet looking for an easier way to mount my
radio to my bicycle (currently an htx-202 held down with zip ties),
and I came across this site.

http://www.smc-corp.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?
Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=S&Category_Code=BAM

These are actual handlebar mounts and seem to be reasonably priced.
Just thuoght I'd pass this along.
Scott/KC9HDN

1383. Re: radio handlebar mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-13 18:54:01 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1382 Message: 1383

It looks like a good solution. Maybe this website shoujld be in the
file section?

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Scott" <scooter54603@...> wrote:
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> radio to my bicycle (currently an htx-202 held down with zip ties),
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1384. Re: [BMHA] Re: radio handlebar mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-13 19:32:52 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1382 Message: 1384

----- Original Message -----
From: "Scott Laughlin"

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Without seeing it (just on general principal) .. it doesn't seem like a "good" solution to me. Personally, I would not mount an HT to my handlebars. WAY too much vibration. Some electronics (like GPS units) are built rugged enough to withstand such vibration, but I don't think most HT's are.

I suppose it all depends on the road surface you ride on .. and your particular radio .. but for me .. I carry my radio on my belt.

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://fandom.n1jdu.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1385. Re: [BMHA] Re: radio handlebar mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-13 19:50:51 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1382 Message: 1385

Might want to rethink the term rugged, Richard.

I've had an IC 706 MkIIG mounted on handlebars for the past five years and I put on over two thousand miles a year - for the last five years. You may be underestimating modern radios.

http://w9xs.us

73,

Ron w9xs

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Richard Amirault

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http://liveearth.msn.com

1386. Re: radio handlebar mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-13 20:25:28 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1382 Message: 1386

Richard,

Your point is well taken. If your bike has with smaller wheels, you may experience vibration. You can protect you stuff by using shock mounts. The old recip engines created a great deal of vibration through an aircraft fuselage. In some cases we even used tube holders to keep them in their sockets. It's just a thought that might be more trouble than it's worth.

I saw a photo of a ham with his radio fastened to his mid-section. My gut would provide more than enough protection.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Richard Amirault" <ramirault@...> wrote:
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Scott Laughlin"
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> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ
>

1387. Re: [BMHA] radio handlebar mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-14 02:01:19 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1382 Message: 1387

About 10 years ago I was looking for a way to mount my HT to the bike handlebars. I ended up canabalizing a waterbottle holder w/nylon beltstrap. I cut each of the belts down to about 6" on each side, then wrapped these over the handlebars of my hybrid bike. I originally used velcro tabs glued to both the belts and bottleholder, but also backed them up with safety pins. It looked a little strange, but worked fine with my old vintage 1993 Kenwood HT with the controls on the top. Along with a Diamond 16" HT whip and either a hand mic or headset, it worked fine. I also padded the holder with some pink foam (from work) for extra padding. The newer, smaller HT's with controls on the front might be a problem with this holder, though.

I tried forming some aluminum later to make a cleaner looking mount, but it rattled and made other noises that bothered me, so I went back to what worked.

73 Roger WB0DGF

--- Scott <scooter54603@...> wrote:

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http://surveylink.yahoo.com/gmrs/yahoo_panel_invite.asp?a=7

1388. looking for flashlight mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-14 16:18:20 UTC
From: Scott
Topic: 1388 Message: 1388

does anybody know where I can find a generic flashlight mount online?
Scott/KC9HDN

1389. Re: looking for flashlight mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-14 17:40:32 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1388 Message: 1389

Scott,

Have you considered configuring something with velcro? I think REI has
something of that nature. I once saw a light fastened to a cycist's
forearm. It might not work for you, but...?

72 de n7net

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1390. RE: [BMHA] Re: looking for flashlight mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-14 20:20:48 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 1388 Message: 1390

http://www.lighthound.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=1813

http://www.lighthound.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=1812

http://www.dkg-cnc.com/bicycle.html
-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Scott Laughlin
Sent: Saturday, July 14, 2007 12:41 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: looking for flashlight mount

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1391. RE: [BMHA] Re: looking for flashlight mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-14 21:39:38 UTC
From: Sam Smith
Topic: 1388 Message: 1391

I have the Cycloblock mount on my bike, and it works great. I use a 7 LED AA flashlight http://www.streamlight.com/product/product.aspx?pid=24 that provides plenty of illumination for my casual nighttime rides (and with LED's it will run for 25-40 hours on a single set of batteries). I bought my mount several years ago from one of the big catalog outfits, but they have quit carrying it. I've wanted one for my wife's bike, but I haven't been able to find it since.
Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jack Smith
Sent: Saturday, July 14, 2007 4:21 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: looking for flashlight mount

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http://www.dkg- <http://www.dkg-cnc.com/bicycle.html> cnc.com/bicycle.html
-----Original Message-----
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1392. Re: [BMHA] looking for flashlight mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-14 22:29:26 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1388 Message: 1392

----- Original Message -----
From: "Scott"

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To mount *where* to do *what*?

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://n1jdu.org/Fandom/science.htm
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1393. RE: [BMHA] looking for flashlight mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-15 03:05:24 UTC
From: KB3JRW
Topic: 1388 Message: 1393

I have been looking for the same mount. I will be looking for successful posts.

However, in the short term, I discovered a set of hose clamps that have a built-in handle that will allow tightening without any tools. The solution was to take the first clamp and place in on the handlebar, and the second placed through the first, against the handle bar (or whatever tube that works for you), then place the flashlight through the second. Depending on the size of the handlebar, and the flashlight, different size clamps could be used.

If the clamps with the built-in handle are not available, simply use the old standby clamps. If you are not familiar with the clamp, open your vehicle hood and look at the radiator hose clamps.

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Scott
Sent: Saturday, July 14, 2007 12:18 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] looking for flashlight mount

does anybody know where I can find a generic flashlight mount online?
Scott/KC9HDN

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1394. RE: [BMHA] looking for flashlight mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-15 15:36:36 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 1388 Message: 1394

I don't know if my original reply to this thread made it or not since I keep anti-spam messages back. I found 3 that should fit the bill for most folks.

http://www.lighthound.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=1813

http://www.lighthound.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=1812

http://www.dkg-cnc.com/bicycle.html

Jack KE4LWT

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1395. Re: looking for flashlight mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-07-16 02:37:33 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 1388 Message: 1395

Besides the neat items Jack, KE4LWT, linked to, there have been numerous threads on using flashlights for cycling on bikeforums.net. Check the commuting forum (esp. for older posts) and the electronics forum for more recent discussions. The most popular approaches seem to be using a combination of O-rings and foam blocks, or conduit hangers and hose clamps. Velcroing a mag light to a helmet (via straps through the vent holes) might work and provide an aimable helmet.

73 Steve KS1G

1396. Fwd: [ntx_aprs_ug] Balloon Launch Saturday Sep 1 2007

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-08-29 14:55:20 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1396 Message: 1396

Hi,

Anyone within range of this balloon launch might be
interested.

73 de Scott

Note: forwarded message attached.

We only get to be a kid twice. I have to get it right this time.

Be a better Globetrotter. Get better travel answers from someone who knows. Yahoo! Answers - Check it out.
http://answers.yahoo.com/dir/?link=list&sid=396545469

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1397. Re: [BMHA] Fwd: [ntx_aprs_ug] Balloon Launch Saturday Sep 1 2007

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-08-29 15:22:53 UTC
From: DON NOVACK
Topic: 1396 Message: 1397

WHAT TIME ,WHERE IS IT LAUNCH AT, WHAT FREQ?????????

----- Original Message -----
From: scott laughlin<mailto:n7net@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com<mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 9:55 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Fwd: [ntx_aprs_ug] Balloon Launch Saturday Sep 1 2007

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Anyone within range of this balloon launch might be
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1398. Re: Fwd: [ntx_aprs_ug] Balloon Launch Saturday Sep 1 2007

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-08-29 15:43:28 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1396 Message: 1398

Sorry thyaqt information didn't make it through.

www.ntexbp.org

has all the details.

73 de Scott

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "DON NOVACK" <djnovack@...> wrote:
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1400. BMHA Newsletter Article Appeal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-02 21:43:27 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1400 Message: 1400

This is an appeal for articles for the next BMHA newsletter. It is time to publish the next web BMHA newsletter but unfortuately we have no articles to publish. I know many of you have ideas and all you need to do is write it up and send to one of these folks:

n9zks@...
nf0n@...
bmha-webmaster@...

I will write a few myself but need all BMHA'ers to help with articles.

Thanks and I will await the flood of articles.

73-Mike, NF0N
nf0n@...

1402. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Newsletter Article Appeal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-03 01:44:14 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 1400 Message: 1402

Well, I am a newish ham and would love articles at a "beginner" level if it helps to know what people would like to read. Also an article on trouble shooting general problems would be great. Thanks for all you do!
Lauriann

On Fri, 02 Nov 2007 14:43:27 -0700, Mike Nickolaus <nf0n@...> wrote:

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> n9zks@...
> nf0n@...
> bmha-webmaster@...
>
> I will write a few myself but need all BMHA'ers to help with articles.
>
> Thanks and I will await the flood of articles.
>
> 73-Mike, NF0N
> nf0n@...
>
>

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Using Opera's revolutionary e-mail client: http://www.opera.com/mail/

1403. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Newsletter Article Appeal

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-03 01:52:02 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1400 Message: 1403

To the editor,

I'll generate a story with a photo by Monday evening.

72/73 de Scott/n7net

We only get to be a kid twice. I have to get it right this time.

Do You Yahoo!?
Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
http://mail.yahoo.com

1405. Check your BMHA email address

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-03 20:43:48 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1405 Message: 1405

This message is directed to members who have joined the BMHA organization at http://www.BMHA-Hams.org. This is different from this Yahoo!Group, but it is affiliated.

Our last BMHA emailing was done in May 2007 (and announced the latest newsletter) and resulted in quite a large number of bounces due to expired email addresses.

Please check your current email address as shown in the roster at http://www.BMHA-Hams.org/Content/membership.asp

If your address is wrong, please let us know (send to BMHA-Webmaster@LaFetra.com and it will be updated).
If your address is blank, then we have no way to contacting you.
When 2007 rolls into 2008 (hint -- in 2 months) you will be dropped from the "active" BMHA roster.

Note: This message applies to the BMHA organization's roster, and does NOT directly affect this Yahoo!Group forum.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

(to protect against robot-collection, the roster database is query-driven and requires user input (a state or country selection) to display)

1406. APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-12 10:23:53 UTC
From: compwhiz80
Topic: 1406 Message: 1406

Anyone currently running an APRS tracker on their bike? I'm working on a project for next year's RAGBRAI and am looking for some ideas.

Also, any hams that ride RAGBRAI interested in carrying a tracker? I have a couple designed, just need to have a licensed operator carry it.

-Adam
KD0BML

http://www.kd0bml.com/ragbrai/

1407. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-12 13:53:06 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1406 Message: 1407

Adam,

I've used APRS on a bike for a little over a year. It works good. Power is your most serious problem because the GPS is such a power hog. Two batteries and a solar panel might be the answer.

I used a Radio Shack 202 with 5 watts, a TinyTrak3, and a J pole made from 300 ohm tv lead. A J pole, not requiring a ground plane, gives the option of giving it more height.

PVC pipe works good for holding the tv lead rigid. However, some pipe have traces of metal in them. The only way I know of to find out is to cut a small section and put it in a microwave for about 15 seconds. If it heats up it's not going to work for an antenna.

Many APRS systems run high power. It's not necessary. You'd be surprised where these digis are hiding. I've found few dead spots between Dallas and the Socorro, New Mexico while following US 380.

Keep us posted with your progress.

Scott

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> -Adam
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>
> http://www.kd0bml.com/ragbrai/
>

1408. Re: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-12 13:54:44 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1406 Message: 1408

Sometimes when I ride... I carry an APRS tracker with me.

At one time... Radio Shack sold a bicycle handlebar case designed for their FRS radios. I bought one... originally using it with my Yaesu FT-50R (which fit perfect in this case). Over the years... I've used it with my Yaesu
FT-51R (radio fit in the case good), Yaesu VX-5R (this radio also fit in the case great) and my Kenwood TH-D7A (this radio kind of just barely fits in the case and might of stretched it out a little... I wish I could find another
one of these cases or something similar to it).

On the handlebar of my bike... I cut a piece of 2" thick foam and wrapped it around my handlebar and put some gaffers tape over it to keep it in place

I then used that to put my Garmin ForeTrex 201 on my bike. I then made a small cable to go from the Garmin's serial out to the GPS input on the TH-D7A.

Now... the Garmin will last about 15 hours on a full charge... the TH-D7A won't last 15 hours on its own battery with the built-in TNC turned on. So bought 24 2600mAh AA cells off of eBay. I then went to Radio Shack and bought three 8 AA cell holders. I made up three 9.6v at 2600mAh "packs" and wired them in parallel (making it 7800mAh). The TH-D7A will put out 5w at just 9.6v (plus this pack is smaller and 1/2 the weight of a 12v 5Ah sealed lead acid battery). I then put the battery pack into a bag under my seat and ran a wire to my handlebar to power the TH-D7A with.

This gives me plenty of operating time for the TH-D7A with the built-in TNC turned on. It will last longer than the ForeTrex 201 will with a full charge

Now... this setup might be a bit more costly then what someone may want to do... but I had the TH-D7A and thought the Garmin ForeTrex 201 would be a perfect match for it. I've been playing with the idea of getting a RAM mount for the handlebar and replacing the ForeTrex 201 with my Garmin GPS III+ and powering that from the homemade battery pack too.

That's how I do APRS with my bike when I want to.

-------Original Message-------

From: compwhiz80
Date: 11/12/2007 8:28:58 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

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1409. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-12 15:29:50 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 1406 Message: 1409

I've been planning an APRS station for my bike. I'll use my HTX-202 and probably a TinyTrak (http://www.byonics.com/tinytrak/). I've been looking at the Garmin GPS16 for the GPS.
https://buy.garmin.com/shop/shop.do?cID=158&pID=175
It's a GPS receiver and antenna in one that just outputs NMEA data. The cable from has 4 wires, two power and two data. I think it's a better solution than a standard GPS that will show your track and has a display, etc. I don't need all those things. All I want is to transmit my position.

73 de AC7EW
Kelly

----- Original Message -----
From: "Scott Laughlin" <n7net@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 6:53 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

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I used a Radio Shack 202 with 5 watts, a TinyTrak3, and a J pole made from 300 ohm tv lead. A J pole, not requiring a ground plane, gives the option of giving it more height.

PVC pipe works good for holding the tv lead rigid. However, some pipe have traces of metal in them. The only way I know of to find out is to cut a small section and put it in a microwave for about 15 seconds. If it heats up it's not going to work for an antenna.

Many APRS systems run high power. It's not necessary. You'd be surprised where these digis are hiding. I've found few dead spots between Dallas and the Socorro, New Mexico while following US 380.

Keep us posted with your progress.

Scott

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1410. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-12 18:44:26 UTC
From: Bill Vodall WA7NWP
Topic: 1406 Message: 1410

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A J-pole tied to a fiberglass safety flag makes a great solution.
Here's my favorite version of the J-Pole:
http://www.wb8erj.com/bike-ant.htm

73
Bill - WA7NWP

1411. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-12 15:58:37 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1406 Message: 1411

There are a fair number of us running APRS/Bicycle Mobile:
I have links to several of them on my web page http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/
Or, just look up the following calls on findu.com or wherever:
KG0W-9
W5AOX-4
KC5KGE-10
KC5AYV-4
KI4PYW
K5MTN-1
My bike-aprs-mobile setup shows a few details at
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/W5AOX%20APRS%20BikeMobile.html

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1412. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-12 19:49:52 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1406 Message: 1412

Looks like a quasi-majority are in favor of the J-pole as a "Better Idea" for bicycle-mobile, at least for VHF/UHF.
There are dozens of ways to cobble up working versions, SO....
Here's the link to MY version:
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg

1413. Re: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-12 23:50:34 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1406 Message: 1413

I have used the TinyTrak and OpenTracker both on my bike over the years. This was primarily for the Lincoln (Nebraska) Marathon, which lasts no more than 2.5 hours (following the lead runner). I ususally power the Deluo GPS and OpenTracker from an old IC2AT battery pack. 2 years ago I used a Yaesu FT-2400 on 5 watts with a 7 AH sealed battery. This year I just used a Yaesu FT-60R with it's standard battery. Both times, I used a 1/4-wave antenna on the bike rack behind me. For voice, I used another HT mounted on the handlebars with a Telex Stinger headset.

More info on my setup is on my web page at www.wb0dgf.com

73 Roger WB0DGF
Lincoln, Nebr.
(but originally from IOWA)

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1414. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 01:12:02 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1406 Message: 1414

Here are some good APRS/GPS/OT/TT websites for cycling applications:

Deluo GPS: http://www.deluoelectronics.com/category/44-APRS_GPS

Open Tracker: http://n1vg.net/opentracker/?gclid=COrc-svQ2I8CFSFaagodqnk09A

Argent Data Systems: http://www.argentdata.com/catalog/
for Open Trackers, GPS receivers, interface cables, etc.

Tiny Trak3: http://www.byonics.com/tinytrak/

73 Roger WB0DGF

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1415. RE: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 02:38:33 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 1406 Message: 1415

I normally run a D7 with a Garmin III+ or Garmin 5 at all times when I am bicycle mobile. I use an ssid of "-7". The D7 and Garmin are carried on a modified chest pack which has a large pocket in which I have a 12 volt video camera battery. The "chest pack" is suspended from a set of Tri Bars mounted level on my handle bars. I made a cable to supply power to both the D7 and the Garmin.
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I'll be glad to send some pictures or discuss my setup further if you want.
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1416. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 02:50:29 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1406 Message: 1416

Hi Norm,

I'd like to see some photos if you'd care to load them up here. I don't know how many times I wondered why I didn't think of such and such.

I probably won't run any APRS until spring. The sun's gone. But winter is a good time to see what you're doing.

Scott / n7net

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1417. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 03:40:15 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1406 Message: 1417

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1418. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 03:41:54 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1406 Message: 1418

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1419. RE: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 04:34:21 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 1406 Message: 1419

I am going to work on an article on my set up for the newsletter. I also have to go back through the past issues because I think I had an article earlier. I would appreciate other articles on alternative setups though.
I also need to work on some numbers on battery life with my setup. I think I need a solar panel to make my setup really useful.

By the way, my address is now n9zks@... I thought I had gotten it changed on Yahoo, but the latest thread came through on my old address.

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1420. Re: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 05:32:27 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1406 Message: 1420

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1421. Re: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 06:26:03 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 1406 Message: 1421

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1422. RE: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle - pictures please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 15:11:03 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1406 Message: 1422

I too am interested in this as I and a friend are planning a 21 day trip starting from Duluth around Lake Superior next summer in July. I would like family and friends to be able to track us on a website plus I hope to make this a small fundraiser for the MS Society.

Pictures people, Pictures!! I am a visual guy, please upload to the files section on the group. You will see my old bike there with the Radio Shack pouch that was described by N1EVH and you will see a 1/2 wave marine antenna on the rack mount. Marine VHF antennas are designed for very harsh environments. Any 1/2 wave VHF antenna will provide superior performance on a bike as 1/2 wave antennas do not require a ground plane and they will work adequately an 70cm also. A J-pole is a 1/2 wave antenna; a little cumbersome on a bike but it works and is cheap to make.

Check out my pictures and description under N0HZ in Files.

73
Earl, N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Vodall WA7NWP
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 12:44 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 15:54:22 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1406 Message: 1423

I got a small inheritance and decided to go for it. I have been interested in these for years. Here is a page that talks price...

http://www.cambiecycles.com/velo.html

It isn't cheap. Plus, the electric drive system adds more. I have built and bought several electric vehicles through the years. When I started to enjoy bicycling as a pastime I started doing electric bikes. It's the only exercise I enjoy. I spent the Summer and early Fall biking to and from work. I like it for several reasons but mostly because with most exercise I am ready to quit after 15 minutes, but when going to work and back either I stay at it for the hour, or I don't make it to work or home! But the rain here in Seattle is enough to dampen the spirits as well as the body. With the velomobile I can now ride in rain or even modest ice. Or so goes the plan. So... I am commiting myself to a new bike design.. the first Aurora in the US. Will I do it? Will it work or be a bad design? As I get older and heavier I know I need to do something about my health. If this is what it takes.. and if this works... than it will be worth it.

They said they would deliver it to me along with a shipment of kayaks to a local dealer. Delivery was included in the price since I am near. We shall see what taxes get added.

I live fairly near Steve of Winnebiko fame. I'm not going to go quite that far!.. but I am going to add aprs, two meters that includes stereo and mp3 player input, and a fairly advanced alarm system. I have a Yaesu 817, but not sure I am going to add that.

Bryan
Seattle
wb7nxc

----- Original Message ----
From: Jeff Newton <newton@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 10:26:03 PM
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1424. (no subject)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 16:37:59 UTC
From: Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604
Topic: 1424 Message: 1424

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In-reply-to: <010f01c82607$696ac290$650e000a@moneyf43c653fb>
(earljarosh@...)
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle - pictures please
FCC: ~/sent_mail/sent_mail
References: <fh99jp+iar3@...> <fh9ls2+73ma@...>
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73, doug
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1425. RE: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 17:16:05 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1406 Message: 1425

Bryan,

You mentioned putting the antenna inside the shell. I would still recommend drilling a hole or doing a surface mount and mounting a 1/2 wave marine antenna like:
http://shakespeare-marine.com/antennas.asp?antenna=420 or
http://shakespeare-marine.com/antennas.asp?antenna=5242-a

The second one is like the one shown on my bike in the files section. It terminates in a so-239

There are also several Dual-Band VHF/UHF antennas that Comet offers where the VHF is a 1/2 wave and the UHF is 5/8 or multiple 5/8. On UHF this is less critical as almost any small metal mass including the feed line will act as a ground plane. Because of the small amount or in some cases the non-existent metal mass in today's bikes we should always be thinking 1/2 wave at VHF for best radiation pattern and performance. Without going into ridiculous electronic antenna theory, this is why you will find that all Marine antennas will be 1/2 wave with the assumption of being mounted on fiberglass. The only 8 ft CB (works for 10 meters) antenna that works on Fiberglass boats is made by Shakespeare (use to be also made for Radio Shack) and is a 1/2 wave using the unique designed specific length coax as the counterpoise.

Yes, I know you do not want to drill holes.

Cheers

Earl N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bryan Lowe
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 9:54 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

I got a small inheritance and decided to go for it. I have been interested in these for years. Here is a page that talks price...

http://www.cambiecycles.com/velo.html

It isn't cheap. Plus, the electric drive system adds more. I have built and bought several electric vehicles through the years. When I started to enjoy bicycling as a pastime I started doing electric bikes. It's the only exercise I enjoy. I spent the Summer and early Fall biking to and from work. I like it for several reasons but mostly because with most exercise I am

ready to quit after 15 minutes, but when going to work and back either I stay at it for the hour, or I don't make it to work or home! But the rain here in Seattle is enough to dampen the spirits as well as the body. With the velomobile I can now ride in rain or even modest ice. Or so goes the plan. So... I am commiting myself to a new bike design.. the first Aurora in the US. Will I do it? Will it work or be a bad design? As I get older and heavier I know I need to do something about my health. If this is what it takes.. and if this works... than it will be worth it.

They said they would deliver it to me along with a shipment of kayaks to a local dealer. Delivery was included in the price since I am near. We shall see what taxes get added.

I live fairly near Steve of Winnebiko fame. I'm not going to go quite that far!.. but I am going to add aprs, two meters that includes stereo and mp3 player input, and a fairly advanced alarm system. I have a Yaesu 817, but not sure I am going to add that.

Bryan
Seattle
wb7nxc

----- Original Message ----
From: Jeff Newton <newton@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 10:26:03 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

Hey Bryan, how much was that Velomobile of yours and to get it to the USA? this things gets me kinda interested here!

Jeff
Eugene

-------Original Message----- --

From: Bryan Lowe
Date: 11/12/2007 9:32:29 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups. com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] APRS on a Bicycle

I have my Velomobile being delivered Friday. I bought a micro300 with the 8 watt amp, along with one of their gps units. I am using that little wire antenna. I will need to build some sort of ground plane. I am going to keep the antenna within the velomobile shell. If you want an image just google aurora velomobile. BTW.. smart or otherwise, I bought a Yaesu FTM 10 for it. I will be interested to see if the electric assist motor and controller mess with the radios too much.

Bryan
Seattle

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1426. Re: [BMHA] (unknown)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 17:26:10 UTC
From: Catfish
Topic: 1424 Message: 1426

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On some bikes (like my FJR) it's difficult though.
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I run a TON of gadgets on my bike.
Considering an on-board solar charging system at the moment.

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1427. Re: (unknown)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 17:40:42 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1424 Message: 1427

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1428. Re: [BMHA] Re: (unknown)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 17:53:52 UTC
From: Catfish
Topic: 1424 Message: 1428

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1429. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 18:02:52 UTC
From: w0jrt
Topic: 1406 Message: 1429

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "compwhiz80" <compwhiz80@...> wrote:
>
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> on a project for next year's RAGBRAI and am looking for some ideas.
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> Also, any hams that ride RAGBRAI interested in carrying a tracker? I
> have a couple designed, just need to have a licensed operator carry it.
>
> -Adam
> KD0BML

I have two APRS bicycle setups. One is on my utility trailer towing MTB which uses an HTX-202, OpenTracker, Garmin GPS18, and a 2.2 Ah SLA battery. To conserve battery power the OpenTracker is also used to apply power to the HTX-202 (through a power transistor) a few seconds before each transmission. That permits it to be off most of the time but on long enough to detect if the channel is busy and hold off the packet until the channel is free. All of this is mounted in a weatherproof plastic container attached to a rack behind the seat. It uses a 1/4-wave antenna that attaches to an SO-239 connector on the rack. Since I normally only use this bike for towing a utility trailer no more than a few miles from home station, the 1/4 wave antenna works OK.

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I've never done RAGBRAI but I have taken my road bike on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail a few times between Cedar Rapids and Cedar Falls. My most recent CVNT trip was about a year ago. APRS coverage was pretty good in Waterloo (not Cedar Falls) and was excellent in Cedar Rapids thanks to a digi at the Collins facility just a few miles from the trail, and also a fill-in digi farther south in town. Thanks to the K0KBX-1 digi near Garrison we even had coverage on a middle portion of the trail. Coverage was spotty for about 20 miles south and east of Waterloo.

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-Jerome, W0JRT
MTB: W0JRT-10
Road bike: W0JRT-4

1430. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 18:20:05 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1406 Message: 1430

Jerome,

Your APRS you've installed in the trailer certainly sounds worthy of
a story in the newsletter. Do you have time to give us the details?

Scott/n7net

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> -Jerome, W0JRT
> MTB: W0JRT-10
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1431. Re: APRS on a Bicycle - pictures please

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 18:46:00 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1406 Message: 1431

Hi Earl,

For whatever it's worth...

I've used both a 5/8 and J-pole with bicycle APRS. I've grounded the coax shield to a bottle cage bolt and used the bike frame as a ground plane. I don't have any field strength figures to offer, but both the J and the 5/8 seemed to find the same digis.

Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "S. Earl Jarosh" <earljarosh@...> wrote:
>
> I too am interested in this as I and a friend are planning a 21 day trip
> starting from Duluth around Lake Superior next summer in July. I would like
> family and friends to be able to track us on a website plus I hope to make
> this a small fundraiser for the MS Society.
>
> Pictures people, Pictures!! I am a visual guy, please upload to the files
> section on the group. You will see my old bike there with the Radio Shack
> pouch that was described by N1EVH and you will see a 1/2 wave marine antenna
> on the rack mount. Marine VHF antennas are designed for very harsh
> environments. Any 1/2 wave VHF antenna will provide superior performance
> on a bike as 1/2 wave antennas do not require a ground plane and they will
> work adequately an 70cm also. A J-pole is a 1/2 wave antenna; a little
> cumbersome on a bike but it works and is cheap to make.
>
> Check out my pictures and description under N0HZ in Files.
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>
> 73
> Earl, N0HZ
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1432. Re: [BMHA] Re: (unknown)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-14 01:53:00 UTC
From: Norman Huber
Topic: 290 Message: 1432

Catfish, please email me at n9zks@... I have some information you might be interested in.

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----- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
----- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
----- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 62,000 miles
----- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 65,000 miles
----- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
----- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
----- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-10&radar=***

----- Original Message -----
From: Catfish
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 11/13/2007 11:54:01 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: (unknown)

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1433. APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-14 04:01:44 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1433 Message: 1433

I am an ultramarathon cyclist (Randonneur) and long-distance tourist. I have been using APRS for years. In both cases the purpose is to inform my friends and family where I am!

For the ultra events, which last up to nearly 4 days there are two issues. The first is power, as 90 hours on a set of batteries is impractical. The second issue is weight, as ultra competitors (even me) don't like to carry too much extra weight. These events usually go well into the boonies so digi coverage can also be a problem. The longest ones are 750 miles so you imagine that in the Pacific NW you can get a long way from Seattle, Vancouver, or Portland.

For touring it is a different story, as stops are planned and they probably include enough time and a source of power to recharge. Also because of the increased predictability the need to beacon my location is less important. I tend to stop at campsites, B&B's or motels where phones and email (using PocketMail) are available.

So I have two solutions. In both cases I use a Larsen half-wave whip which radiates quite well and no counterpoise is needed. On tours I use a D-7 and basic eTrex, but to save batteries I only turn on the radio periodically - typically at the top of one of the plentiful mountains that I always seem to ride over (in the PNW!). I use 4 2.9Ah AA batteries and can typically charge them overnight. I also carry 8 extras. Sometimes I use a 6.5w solar panel (on the bike rack or Bob trailer at all times) if I am camping in remote, powerless areas.

For the ultra events, the best I have come up with is a Vx-2r with a Foretrex and a TT3. This is ultralite but only gives me 3w. I use a 4w solar panel with 10 2.9Ah AA's. This is all quite marginal, powerwise over 4 days, and depends on good sun, but there isn't a lot of digi coverage anyway so it isn't much of a practical problem (roving digis is the only solution in the boonies, but we are talking about over 4 days and 750 miles!). Of course more power with batteries means more weight. Better solar arrays would be nice. My 6.5w panel is very light but is about 9x29 and does

not fit neatly on my ultra bike! My ultra bike has a
6w AC dynamo, and I HAVE thought about using it during
the day to top up the batteries (I need it for the
headlight at night).

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

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http://www.kd0bml.com/ragbrai/

1434. coast to coast against cancer - bike support?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-14 18:12:37 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1434 Message: 1434

I heard about this event from my local ARES group:
http://www.coasttocoastagainstcancer.org/events.html.

Does anyone know about the organization or event? I wonder how do they use amateur radio. I am very tempted to offer APRS capability, as was done in the Big Ride a few years ago.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

1435. Re: coast to coast against cancer - bike support?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-14 18:29:51 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1434 Message: 1435

Barry,

The link seems to be down. Maybe something is wrong in the address.

APRS would be a great advantage.

What about CW? A 40m QRP rig and a decent antenna might work most evenings and not kill the battery in the process. Or those who find no pleasure in CW might be interested in accessing the local 2m traffic nets each evening? This could be a shot in the arm for combined effort of BMHA and NTS.

I can't speak for your QTH, but in North Texas the NTS is hungry for traffic.

Any ideas?

Scott/n7net

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1436. Re: coast to coast against cancer - bike support?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-15 17:20:09 UTC
From: Luis
Topic: 1434 Message: 1436

Hey folks...

Just went to the site... It is Canadian. So for you folks looking
to help out, ummmm you gotta go to Canada or organize cancer
fighting bike events here in the U.S.

Luis KD5KJD

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1437. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-15 17:48:21 UTC
From: w0jrt
Topic: 1406 Message: 1437

I should clarify that the APRS station is actually on the bicycle.
It's just on the mountain bike I use for towing a utility trailer.
The trailer itself is from Bikes At Work, Inc. I will try to get some
photos taken this weekend.

-Jerome,
W0JRT

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> Jerome,
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> Your APRS you've installed in the trailer certainly sounds worthy of
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> Scott/n7net

1438. Field Day results

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-17 17:28:57 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1438 Message: 1438

Just got my issue of my December QST with the FD results. Class 1C, W9XS, 8th place. But somehow I doubt that any of the other mobiles were Bike Mobile.

How'd the rest of you guys on bikes and on foot fare this year?

73,Ron Baran DDS, MBA, MASchaumburg, IL947-895-8444 W9XS

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1439. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 18:42:18 UTC
From: Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604
Topic: 1406 Message: 1439

Mention was made earlier about using the Micro-Trak with an 8 watt amp- it appears to me that it's a bit high-powered to be using without a receiver to check for activity on the channel. It also doesn't digipeat packets, so it's less cooperative in a caouple of ways.

I was running a Pocket Tracker with a ETrek for a while, so my wife could keep track of me. But it failed, I got divorced, and it's one more bit of awkwardness when folding my Bike Friday NWT, so...

73, doug

1440. Re: [BMHA] was APRS, now OT-motorcycle setups

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-13 17:48:20 UTC
From: Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604
Topic: 1424 Message: 1440

BMW F650 GS Dakar. Yandina makes a Battery Combiner 100, and with a PowerPole connector across the bike battery (400W alternator), I should be able to connect and disconnect easily. I have the stock BMW City Bags (junk, but farkleable), and I'll put a battery in there, until I can get a set of Jesse's.

I'll certainly put Farklemasters higher on my list of places to shop, now.

73, doug
AMA Lifer, too
DoD #790
Chain Gang # pending

From: Catfish <Catfish1@...>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 12:26:10 -0500

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1441. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-20 04:26:44 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1406 Message: 1441

A TinyTrak 4 is in the mill. It should have been released by now. It does a lot of stuff in addition to APRS. Google TinyTrak 4 to find the site.

Scott

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1442. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-20 04:34:05 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1406 Message: 1442

A TinyTrak 4 is in the mill. It should have been released by now. It does a lot of stuff in addition to APRS. Google TinyTrak 4 to find the site.

Scott

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604 <n6tqs@...> wrote:
>
> Mention was made earlier about using the Micro-Trak with an 8 watt
> amp- it appears to me that it's a bit high-powered to be using without
> a receiver to check for activity on the channel. It also doesn't
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1443. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-20 05:51:41 UTC
From: Bill Vodall WA7NWP
Topic: 1406 Message: 1443

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Even neater OpenTracker 2 is shipping - the web pages are a bit out of date..

<https://www.argentdata.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=73&osCsid=cprcbsqh5tpcj6vorjdc2k64f2>

Of course personally I'd go for a full featured device like the D7A(g)
any day over one of these one way bleepers...

73
Bill - WA7NWP

1444. Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-20 14:42:59 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1406 Message: 1444

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1445. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-20 17:02:53 UTC
From: Bill Vodall WA7NWP
Topic: 1406 Message: 1445

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> there's a way to send email from your bike with that radio?

Several ways. The easiest is simple APRS one-line messages to Mail.
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1446. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-20 17:04:36 UTC
From: Bill Vodall WA7NWP
Topic: 1406 Message: 1446

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http://www.winlink.org/APRSLink.htm

Bill - WA7NWP

1447. Winlink and D-7

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-21 18:40:53 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1447 Message: 1447

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73, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

----- Original Message ----
From: "BMHA@yahoogroups.com" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 12:24:18 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 588

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#ygrp-vital a {
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#ygrp-vital a:hover{
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Posted by: "Scott Laughlin"
n7net@...

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Tue Nov 20, 2007 6:43 am (PST)

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Re: APRS on a Bicycle

Posted by: "Bill Vodall WA7NWP"
wa7nwp@...

wa7nwp

Tue Nov 20, 2007 9:02 am (PST)

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Posted by: "Bill Vodall WA7NWP"
wa7nwp@...

wa7nwp

Tue Nov 20, 2007 9:04 am (PST)

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1448. WB7NXC Velomobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-21 18:59:55 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1448 Message: 1448

My Aurora Velomobile from Rainforest Designs, aka Nimbus Kayak, arrived two days ago. I posted pictures under WB7NXC in the photo section. It was early morning, so photos are dark. Better photos soon.

Now to outfit it with some radios!

Bryan
Seattle

1449. Re: Winlink and D-7

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-21 19:26:25 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1447 Message: 1449

Barry,

Somehow your post caused an instant recall of Steven Roberts and his Winnabiko (I can't remember his call), and an event that occurred before APRS became a reality. It's been awhile, so I'll have to paraphrase.

Finding a motorist stalled in the desert, he coasted to a stop and asked how he could help. The guy looked at him like he was crazy because he needed someone to jump start his car. Roberts said he couldn't give him a jump, but with all the ham radios he had strapped on his bike he quickly summoned help.

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1450. Re: WB7NXC Velomobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-21 19:33:56 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1448 Message: 1450

Bryan,

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1451. Re: [BMHA] Re: Winlink and D-7

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-21 22:16:22 UTC
From: Bill Vodall WA7NWP
Topic: 1447 Message: 1451

N4RVE... These days Steve is out boat jumping... Or is it jumping boats?

http://www.microship.com/
http://microship.com/latestnews/live.html

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-22 05:32:11 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1448 Message: 1452

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Anyways.... It is a delta trike.. one wheel in front, two in back. It is my third delta so I feel pretty aware of their pros and cons. They are more tippy than the tadpole trikes, but deltas are more visible, or so it seems to me anyway.

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Oh.. and I would be willing to drill a hole, but would prefer not to! I may post a picture of the location I am thinking of.

By the way, here is youtube site with my first video of the velo. It was taken tonight to show the rear lighting system.

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1453. on frek

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-22 13:22:35 UTC
From: n8vip2004
Topic: 1453 Message: 1453

13:20 UTC

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7040 +/- 1
NW TIL 20:00 UTC

WHO WANTS TO PLAY?
CQ CQ CQ
DE N8VIP CRAIG

1454. Re: WB7NXC Velomobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-22 14:11:38 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1448 Message: 1454

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While searching for a 40-meter vertical antenna configuration on HF Pack, I came across a report where a cyclist was dragging a counter poise behind him when a car happen to run over it and the cyclist did a header over the handlebars. It's not funny, but I still had to laugh. hi hi.

I don't know what kind of interference the motor might cause. When I had my 2m 5/8 wave antenna on the front pannier rack I had reports of clinking sounds in my transmitted signal. The source was the odometer.

I think you're going to have a lot of fun with that.

As for power assist, I watched a car race once that was sponsored by the Willamette High School in Eugene, Oregon. The kids built these cars from the gound up. One of the rules I recall was no more than 80 pounds for battery weight, and I believe the total distance was ten miles.

http://www.econogics.com/ev/electhon.htm

If you're interested the above link is a place to start.

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It might. The manufacturer debated on drilling a hole in the very rear end in order to install a bike flag. I suppose putting in a hole there that is lined with a tube so that the hole can support an antenna/bike flag for me... and simply a bike flag for anyone who would buy it from me.

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Thanks. It has been fun so far. I've had a bad couple of days at work. In the past people have told me that exercise can be a great way to deal with stress. I just didn't experience that. Now I am.

1456. Re: WB7NXC Velomobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-22 15:34:47 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1448 Message: 1456

Bryan,

Maybe you could hot glue a wire along the kevlar frame and use that
as a counter poise? Just an idea.

Scott

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> though, it is a total matter of taste.
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> > It seems that extensions for supporting the antennas would be
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> > than drilling holes. You can always drill holes as a last
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> > and it would be better than a "I wish I would of...." Some of
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> rear end in order to install a bike flag. I suppose putting in a
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> there that is lined with a tube so that the hole can support an
> antenna/bike flag for me... and simply a bike flag for anyone who
> would buy it from me.
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1457. Re: [BMHA] Re: WB7NXC Velomobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-22 16:10:44 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1448 Message: 1457

That makes sense. I've also thought of using that copper stick on strip material that they use for glass breaking alarms in stores.

----- Original Message ----
From: Scott Laughlin <n7net@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2007 7:34:47 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: WB7NXC Velomobile

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http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1458. Re: WB7NXC Velomobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-22 16:53:01 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1448 Message: 1458

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Scott Laughlin" <n7net@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Bryan,
>
> How is a delta trike more visible than a tadpole?

Just one more thought. Here is a side by side shot of the tadpole and Delta trike versions of velomobiles made by Rain Forest Designs. I think it shows the difference in stature.

http://www.nimbuskayaks.com/velo/compareborealisaurorafront.jpg

1459. Re: WB7NXC Velomobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-22 18:11:58 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1448 Message: 1459

I hadn't realized there was a difference. Thanks for the comparison

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Bryan Lowe" <kingfm@...> wrote:
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Scott Laughlin" <n7net@> wrote:
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1460. BMHA online roster updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-26 15:38:59 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1460 Message: 1460

As a volunteer organization, we sometimes work slowly.

I have just updated the BMHA online roster with the most recent information.
http://BMHA-Hams.org/Content/membership.asp

Please check your listing (if you have made recent edits) and send me errata.

Note that the Yahoo!Group and the BMHA website at http://www.BMHA-Hams.org are different. Although I am posting to the Yahoo!Group, this message is about the BMHA membership as maintained on the website.

Membership in BMHA is free. The signup form is at
http://www.BMHA-Hams.org/Info/Info-MembershipApplication.htm

. . . de Skip AA6WK. BMHA-Webmaster@...

1461. Re: [BMHA] BMHA online roster updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-26 17:28:25 UTC
From: Len N9IJ
Topic: 1460 Message: 1461

slafetra wrote:

Please check your listing (if you have made recent edits) and send me

errata.

Great job! Couldn't see way to update my email address. Please change it
to n9ij@....

Thanx / 72

Len Revelle N9IJ

1462. RE: [BMHA] BMHA online roster updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-26 20:07:02 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1460 Message: 1462

> Couldn't see way to update my email addres
The only way to update is to contact me. I'll get it done this evening.

- Skip AA6WK

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Len N9IJ
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2007 9:28 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] BMHA online roster updated

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Yahoo! Groups Links

1463. RE: [BMHA] BMHA online roster updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-26 20:29:03 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1460 Message: 1463

Skip,

We have certainly have grown in the time I've been a
member.

72 de Scott/n7net
Alaska QRP 698
FISTS 8879 CC 1637
SKCC 1964

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http://mobile.yahoo.com/sports;_ylt=At9_qDKvtAbMuh1G1SQtBI7ntAcJ

1464. Re: BMHA online roster updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-27 11:13:16 UTC
From: n8vip2004
Topic: 1460 Message: 1464

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73 DE N8VIP CRAIG

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1465. Re: [BMHA] Re: BMHA online roster updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-28 04:14:58 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1460 Message: 1465

Craig:

I've added you using your Callbook information.
No, we don't have an online submittal form, but it is a good idea which has been suggested by several others.

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- Skip AA6WK

----- Original Message -----
From: "n8vip2004" <n8vip@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 3:13 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: BMHA online roster updated

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1466. Re: BMHA online roster updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-28 11:32:59 UTC
From: n8vip2004
Topic: 1460 Message: 1466

OK,

So if I understand you correctly I am now a member of the group as well as the list and have been added to the roster and the database, right?

As we say in my neck of the woods, cool beans.
tnx 73 de n8vip -Craig

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> - Skip AA6WK
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> From: "n8vip2004" <n8vip@...>
> To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 3:13 AM
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: BMHA online roster updated

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1467. Re: [BMHA] Re: BMHA online roster updated

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-11-28 22:13:16 UTC
From: Gene Santoski
Topic: 1460 Message: 1467

Hi Craig!

In looking at the updated roster, I see that my e-mail address was not listed.

It is k9utq@...

Tnx es 73

Gene K9UTQ

----- Original Message ----
From: BMHA-Webmaster <BMHA-Webmaster@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 10:14:58 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: BMHA online roster updated

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- Skip AA6WK

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From: "n8vip2004" <n8vip@peoplepc. com>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups. com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 3:13 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: BMHA online roster updated

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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1468. PAD Rally (Fun Ride) LINKS SHOULD WORK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-02 20:07:50 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1468 Message: 1468

PAD Rally

There is a FUN ride being planned for July 13 2008.
Pedal Against Diabetes
The ride is to promote diabetes awareness and prevention.
The ride is NOT a race, and you decide how far you can ride.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PADRally

It will be on the Western Reserve Greenway Trail
in N/E Ohio.

http://www.ashtabulacountymetroparks.org/trail.htm

Bob

1469. PAD Rally (Fun Ride)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-02 19:52:27 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1469 Message: 1469

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Bob

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1470. Good for you Pedaling against Diabetes!!! -> Only one question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-05 18:55:54 UTC
From: Doug Papciak
Topic: 1470 Message: 1470

>>How: Show up with your Bicycle or Trike wearing your official sponsor shirt from

What do you have against UNIcycles!

Keep up the great work promoting a healthy lifestyle! We're trying to get Amateur Radio support for the May 2008 Diabetes Tour de Cure in Atlanta, GA if any are interested. All human powered conveyances are welcome:-)

73, Doug -> ki4vdu

Click below to support me as I Uni-Cycle against Diabetes.
http://main.diabetes.org/goto/doug

----- Original Message ----
From: "BMHA@yahoogroups.com" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2007 3:23:20 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 594

The Official discussion list of the Bicycle Mobile Hams of America
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2. PAD Rally (Fun Ride) From: Bob
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1. PAD Rally (Fun Ride) LINKS SHOULD WORK
Posted by: "Bob" blockhead1959@... blockhead1959
Tue Dec 4, 2007 11:07 am (PST)
PAD Rally

There is a FUN ride being planned for July 13 2008.
Pedal Against Diabetes
The ride is to promote diabetes awareness and prevention.
The ride is NOT a race, and you decide how far you can ride.

http://groups. yahoo.com/ group/PADRally

It will be on the Western Reserve Greenway Trail
in N/E Ohio.

http://www.ashtabul acountymetropark s.org/trail. htm

Bob

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1471. Re: Good for you Pedaling against Diabetes!!! -> Only one question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-06 18:15:31 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1470 Message: 1471

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Doug Papciak <beat_micro@...> wrote:
>
> >>How: Show up with your Bicycle or Trike wearing your official sponsor shirt from
>
> What do you have against UNIcycles!

Two Unicycles could travel together calling themselves a loosly-coupled tandem?

Scott

1472. Re: [BMHA] Good for you Pedaling against Diabetes!!! -> Only one question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-07 21:03:20 UTC
From: Robert Woodworth
Topic: 1470 Message: 1472

I guess it should of said any non-motorized Bike.

Good luck on getting Amateur Radio involved.
I have not said any thing about Ham Radio to the
Rally Group.
Bob (WD8PVB)

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1473. Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-16 15:27:31 UTC
From: w3ce
Topic: 1473 Message: 1473

Anyone have a sugestion for a headset for my 817 that can be adapted for a bike helmet?
Can go under or over the helmet. I have an earhanger for my HT that will fit under, but cannot find one for something other than a HT.

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AL w3ce

1474. Re: [BMHA] Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-16 16:28:18 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1473 Message: 1474

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a schematic of a little adaptor that someone made so that you can
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n1evh@...

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1475. Re: Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-17 12:40:28 UTC
From: n8vip2004
Topic: 1473 Message: 1475

Which folder?
tnx 73 de n8vip/Craig

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1476. Re: [BMHA] Re: Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-17 13:28:11 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1473 Message: 1476

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Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

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From: n8vip2004
Date: 12/17/2007 7:40:31 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Headset for ft-817?

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1477. Re:Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-17 17:17:16 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1473 Message: 1477

Heil makes their Traveller single-sided headset - which includes a
boom mic.

http://heilsound.com/amateur/products/travelersingle/index.htm

The correct cable adapter is the HSTAYM .

Clint Bradford, K6LCS / KAF3359
909-241-7666

1478. Re: [BMHA] Re:Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-17 22:27:09 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1473 Message: 1478

I got a Heil single-side, intending to use it for cycling. I was disappointed to find that the default configuration has the earpiece on the left ear (which doesn't make sense to me at all, I would think for safety in any mobile situation it would be best on the right ear - at least in any drive-on-the-right country) and the only way to switch it is to cut a plastic stop. By cutting the stop, the boom can spin continuously 360 degrees. If you aren't careful, it's possible to spin it enough to damage the mic cord. (And I just KNOW I'll do that soon enough...)

Other than that, I do like how it sounds here at home. It is a bit bulky, so I haven't bothered with getting it wearable under my helmet. That would require some surgery on the helmet, and I don't have a spare yet.

Joe / N5USR

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1479. Re: [BMHA] Re: Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-18 05:27:36 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 1473 Message: 1479

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73's -

Jeff
KE7OUR

----- Original Message -----
From: <n1evh@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 5:28 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Headset for ft-817?

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1480. Re:Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-18 16:17:29 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1473 Message: 1480

I use the twenty-dollar (usually HALF that) cellphone earpieces for ham mobile use, including bicycling. I much prefer the "D-ring" styles myself. I have never been able to justify the expense of Heil style headsets since if I USE them I'll be replacing/repairing them, and the big bucks is just too much for me. The received audio quality of cell phone earpieces is great, and the transmit audio always gets good quality reports.... although most of them have lower mic output than the radio is used to, and I have to increase the microphone gain setting on the HF rig or the deviation in my 20-year old W2A HT.
When the wife gripes that her cell earpiece has died, and buys yet another one, I always snatch her throwaway unit and keep it handy for the next time one of my ham-modified earpieces dies. For monitoring only, just cutting off the stock cell connector and installing the desired earphone plug is an easy half hour project.
When bicycling, my priorities tend to change..... I don't find it fun to try to talk on the radio, though I do immensely enjoy listening to the chatter. When I'm huffing and puffing (most of the time) I don't find it desirable to transmit. I let the APRS do its own transmitting of my positions, and if I get motivated enough to actually talk on the radio I pull over and stop.
Jim W5AOX

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1481. Re: [BMHA] Re: Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-19 13:39:10 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1473 Message: 1481

OK... I've uploaded the Yaesu FT-817 headset/mic adaptor to the
files area in this group. I didn't put it into a special folder... so the
group owner/moderator might want to move it to someplace else.

Its a 225K .PDF file. It has 2 pictures of how the device looks and a
schematic drawing. If you use an FT-817 on a bike (I've been thinking
of trying this but hasn't figured out where/how to mount it)... then the
cables from this adaptor could be made long enough so you can
mount the adaptor on your handlebar and have it reach your radio.

The adaptor has Up, Down, Fast, and PTT switches on it so you can
pretty much do what the MH-31 mic can do.

Not sure who came up with this adaptor... but the files were originally
uploaded to the FT817 group by JA4AZS... so they may be the one
who designed this.

This can be uses AS IS with the Yaesu FT-817/857/897 radios as they
all use the MH-31 mic. It can probably be used with some other Yaesu
radios without any changes. Some re-wiring of it may allow it to be use
with various Kenwood or Icom radios.

Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

-------Original Message-------

From: Jeff Newton
Date: 12/18/2007 9:06:30 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Headset for ft-817?

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To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 5:28 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Headset for ft-817?

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1482. Merry Christmas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-24 19:35:24 UTC
From: Bibi Q.
Topic: 1482 Message: 1482

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas
and may 2008 be filled with great bike mobile adventures!

Rem
K 6 B B Q

1483. Re: Merry Christmas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-25 01:18:17 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1482 Message: 1483

Merry Christmas Rem and to all on this Group. May all of our riding seasons start as early as possible next year.

Mike, NF0N

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Bibi Q." <thebbqhamshack@...> wrote:
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> K 6 B B Q
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1484. Happy new year!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2007-12-29 13:23:37 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1484 Message: 1484

Hi group!

Mike - NF0N got me started several years ago to try to go out and
at least ride around the block once on one of the bikes
on Jan 1st, to "Start the new year off right".

Looking at the forcast for N-Y Day, I see a HIGH temp of 15F or -9C
and chance of snow flurries. And where Mike lives, its forcast
to be even cooler. Mike is a bikeing "Animal", so I have no doubt
that he will be out riding at least a couple of blocks NY Day.

I, how ever, think I will have to pass on the NYD bike ride
and will just send along best wishes that everyone has
a Happy New year, and that you all get lots of 'road time' in '08.

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

1485. Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-02 23:54:02 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1473 Message: 1485

Has anyone tried the Yaesu FTM-10R with the optional
Bluetooth headset on a bike yet? I have seen a couple
reviews with it mounted on a motorcycle, but nothing
on a bicycle.

73 Roger WB0DGF

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1486. Re: [BMHA] Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-03 00:02:29 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 1473 Message: 1486

I have plans to do that but I'm waiting till most of the kinks are worked out of it. I figure summer 2008 aught to be a good time to get it. I plan to use the FTM-10SR because of it's smaller size and lower current drain. I'm researching Bluetooth headsets now.

73 de AC7EW
Kelly

----- Original Message -----
From: "Roger Cox" <antennaguy2@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2008 4:54 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

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Bluetooth headset on a bike yet? I have seen a couple
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73 Roger WB0DGF

1487. Re: [BMHA] Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-03 00:43:17 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1473 Message: 1487

I was also wondering if anyone has heard any rumors of an HT from any manufacturer that has built-in Bluetooth. It would seem logical for Yaesu to do this and release it at Dayton.

Although the FTM-10R and SR are advertised as Bluetooth-ready, it looks like you have to add the BU-1 module inside the front panel and use their BH-1 headset. Is the BH-1 any better than a standard cellphone headset? Also, is the PTT on the radio a push on- push off type, or do you have to hold it down while talking?

73 Roger WB0DGF

--- Kelly Bersch <KBBersch@...> wrote:

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> Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2008 4:54 PM
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1488. Re: [BMHA] Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-03 02:44:17 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1473 Message: 1488

Roger Cox wrote:
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By default, it is hold-while-talk but can be configured for push-on, push-off.

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Joe / N5USR

1489. Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-03 18:09:33 UTC
From: Kevin Bersch
Topic: 1473 Message: 1489

Is there a way to use a Bluetooth headset with a wired PTT? The most convenient way to use the radio would be with a Bluetooth headset and a PTT on the handlebar. It seems to me this would be the best way on a motorcycle, too. The PTT on the headset makes no sense if you are wearing a standard motorcycle helmet. My interest is for a bicycle, but the PTT on the handlebar makes more sense there, too.

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1490. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-03 22:51:49 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1473 Message: 1490

That's exactly what you have. IIRC, the headset doesn't have a PTT button at all, but I haven't actually seen one in person yet. There's a button on the control head for PTT, and it can be configured for hold-to-talk or push-on / push-off.

Joe / N5USR

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1491. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-04 03:07:04 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1473 Message: 1491

I haven't actually seen it in person either, but
supposedly the Yaesu BH-1 Bluetooth headset does have
a PTT on the side as well as volume up-down on the
bottom. Here is a link:
http://blog.big-dutch.com/?p=86

For bicycle use, a push-on, push-off type of PTT would
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1492. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-04 15:19:48 UTC
From: Leonard Revelle
Topic: 1473 Message: 1492

There was also an interface in the latest QST (I think) that allowed use of any BT phone earpiece (I like to call 'em Borg implants). The push-button switch common to most is used as a PTT. The down side is that it is pricy, shipps from UK, and you still have to have the earpiece.

Can a standard cell phone BT earpiece work with the Yaesu?
Len Revelle N9IJ
n9ij@...

On Jan 3, 2008, at 9:07 PM, Roger Cox wrote:

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1493. Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-04 17:23:07 UTC
From: Kevin Bersch
Topic: 1473 Message: 1493

Sorry, I didn't realize this was on the BMHA group. I also belong to
the Yaesu_FTM-10R Yahoo group. There has bee a lot of discussion
about the Bluetooth headset on that group. The Yaesu BT headset has a
PTT and volume buttons on it. If you have an external mic connected
and are using the BT headset, the mic PTT will not activate the
headset microphone. I'm hoping I can mount a PTT on the handlebar and
use somebody else's headset.

I seem to recall a post from the other group that said other BT
headsets work. The connect button works like a push-on/push-off PTT.

Kevin Bersch
KE7VIN
ke7vin@...

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Joe Martine, N5USR" <n5usr@...> wrote:
>
> That's exactly what you have. IIRC, the headset doesn't have a PTT
> button at all, but I haven't actually seen one in person yet.
There's a
> button on the control head for PTT, and it can be configured for
> hold-to-talk or push-on / push-off.
>
> Joe / N5USR
>
> Kevin Bersch wrote:
> > Is there a way to use a Bluetooth headset with a wired PTT? The most
> > convenient way to use the radio would be with a Bluetooth headset and
> > a PTT on the handlebar. It seems to me this would be the best way on
> > a motorcycle, too. The PTT on the headset makes no sense if you are
> > wearing a standard motorcycle helmet. My interest is for a bicycle,
> > but the PTT on the handlebar makes more sense there, too.
> >
> > Kevin
> > KE7VIN
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1494. Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-04 17:28:25 UTC
From: Kevin Bersch
Topic: 1473 Message: 1494

Joe,

I don't have an FTM-10R yet, but I believe you can adjust the mic gain from a menu. Others on the FTM-10R group have said this helps in a car so they don't need to be so close to the front panel. You might try that.

Kevin Bersch
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>
> Roger Cox wrote:
> > Also, is the PTT on the radio a
> > push on- push off type, or do you have to hold it down
> > while talking?
> >
>
> By default, it is hold-while-talk but can be configured for push-on,
> push-off.
>
> I don't have the headset yet, I am considering adding one to my 10R -
> which is already mounted on my recumbent. I was *hoping* the internal
> mic on the front panel might work okay, but no you have to be as close
> to it as you would a regular hand mic. The bluetooth option is my next
> step - hopefully it'll handle wind better than all other mics I've
tried
> so far...
>
> Joe / N5USR
>

1495. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-04 22:05:23 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1473 Message: 1495

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> try that.
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Well, sure enough. I had forgotten all about that extra set of menus.
I was scrolling through the "regular" menu and of course didn't see it.
Teach me to stash the manual away...6t

When I'm riding, the control head sits on top of my handlebars directly
in front of me, maybe 8-10" from my face so hopefully that will do the
trick. Of course, then I have to see how bad the wind noise is...!

Joe / N5USR

1496. RAGBRAI APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-09 14:19:49 UTC
From: compwhiz80
Topic: 1496 Message: 1496

Well the first phase of the plan is complete. I most all the equipment put together and trackers ready for use. I have 3 portable fill-in digipeaters and 2 iGates that can be set up in dead zones along with a neat setup to help relieve some of the congestion that might occur on the main APRS frequency. Also a setup using MURS for unlicensed riders/support. Now to see if I can get the RABGRAI admins to let me work with them on it. They don't seem too interested.

I see that many of you all ready use APRS. Do any of you by chance ride RAGBRAI? I don't believe I saw anyone say whether or not they did.

The trackers are composed of a small deluo GPS with a homemade interface to a small transmitter from Radiometrix. The system is powered by a small 12v gel cell battery and in testing will run 4 days continuously at 300mw or 3 days at 4 watts on a single charge.

Although these are "dumb" positioning transmitters I did add a neat feature to the device which sends out preprogammed messages when switches are activated. They could be used for emergency beacons or other events.

I only have a simple wire antenna designed for them, just wasn't sure if anyone would put a bigger antenna on their bike. The last responses I got on another board were all concerned about the 4-6lbs of weight.

-Adam
KD0BML

1497. Re: RAGBRAI APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-09 15:12:19 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1496 Message: 1497

Why do you need a nod from RAGBRAI?

You seem to have thought it through. I don't know what kind of control you have over your system, but bicycles move relatively slow in todays world. Updates can be pretty far between, can't they?

73 de Scott/n7net

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1498. Re: RAGBRAI APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-10 00:31:04 UTC
From: compwhiz80
Topic: 1496 Message: 1498

I don't really need anything from RAGBRAI. It just would make life easier having more access along the route. I've got everything set up for 10 minute intervals and that seems about the minimum for the number of trackers that is planned to be used.

The idea is to use RAGBRAI for a test of the system that could be a temporary set up for any other large scale events. I just picked this event out because where else do you get a 60-100 mile stretch that's 7 days in a row with each day in a different area with different conditions/terrain etc?

In addition to bicycles I'll have trackers in some emergency vehicles and support vehicles.

It's a pretty complex setup that I could do all myself, but I'm waiting to see where the route ends up and hopefully can enlist the help of some local clubs.

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1499. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-10 23:12:21 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1473 Message: 1499

I sent and received a reply from Yaesu a couple days ago. They said that they don't have any Bluetooth capable HT now, but they might have one in the future. Stay tuned!

I also read an article in MRT magazine today that Klein is introducing their Blu-Comm Bluetooth headset for Motorola and Kenwood HT's. It is supposed to list for $139.

73 Roger WB0DGF

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1500. Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-14 00:06:34 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1473 Message: 1500

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There are videos of the bike, but not the radio yet, if you search for Auroa velo on youtube.com

Thanks

Bryan
Seattle

1501. RE: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-14 14:17:10 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1473 Message: 1501

This is not hard, you should be able to build a 48v to 12v 10 amp regulator. Plenty of good circuits that you can find on the web. Not sure why the voltage converter will not work but a 12v 7a gel cell battery like the kind they use in a computer battery backup has always worked very well for my FT-817

Earl, N0HZ

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bryan Lowe
Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2008 6:07 PM
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1502. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-14 15:03:50 UTC
From: Bryan Lowe
Topic: 1473 Message: 1502

OK. Thanks. I already have 2x 24V, 18Ah, Nimh batteries. I guess lead acid will do for the rig. Its simple anyway. I can't use the 48 to 12 converter because they used two 24v packs in series, then use two 24 volt chargers in isolation to recharge them. I want 12v at all times so it can run an alarm as well. Since the two packs are no longer in series during recharge, I can't use them.

----- Original Message ----
From: S. Earl Jarosh <earljarosh@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 6:17:10 AM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

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1503. RE: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-14 16:00:00 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1473 Message: 1503

So buy an isolator or build an isolator with two big diodes and pull your 48 off that for your converter. Then it will not affect the charging issue.

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bryan Lowe
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 9:04 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu FTM-10R and Bluetooth on bike?

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1504. Low weight, high engergy density battery..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-14 18:25:03 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1504 Message: 1504

Hi group!

Well, I found this battery is very interesting, and thought you might like to check it out.
High energy density, fast recharge time and low weight great for bike
and can produce a very high output current if needed.

http://www.hfprojectsyahoo.com/pplina30popa.html

They are using some of these batterys in a 36 volt configuration to power
a 100watt HF amp for back packing use.

Check out the spec's on the battery here on this page compared to
a "lead acid" battery..

http://site.hfprojectsyahoo.com/power_pack

Note the 15 min. recharge time!

Hope that helps in looking for a battery. Its not cheap but
I guess you are paying for light weight, and high power. Things
you want on a high performance bike!

Heres a quote from an RC airplane web forum about using the battery in
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300-400mah left in the pack at the end of the flights. At this current draw, the A123 6-cell pack
delivers 17.2 volts or 2.867 volts per cell. In this application, the packs are delivering 17.2
volts x 35 Amps or 602 watts, which is pretty good for a battery pack that weighs just 1 pound!

------End of quote

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

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1505. Re: Low weight, high engergy density battery..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-15 19:27:42 UTC
From: tobymarkowitz
Topic: 1504 Message: 1505

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Toby
w0lzd

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1506. Low weight, high engergy density battery.. > From: tobymarkowitz

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-16 18:13:35 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1506 Message: 1506

Yes, there could be some problems with just about any high
power battery, but the cool thing about the A123 type of
Lithium nano-phosphate cells is that they are much less
reactive when the cell is breached.
Check out this video where they drill a hole in both types...

http://www.ecogeek.org/content/view/876/

The first battery is one of the new type.. while it hiss's
and steams a little, it does not come apart or breath fire!
The regular LiIO battery just about flys out of the picture
on a rocket like tail of fire! :)

Oh, and btw - I have nothing to do with A123 batterys, I
just saw them on the science channel on TV!

--- BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> There is 1 message in this issue.
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> Topics in this digest:
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SNIPPED! ---------- to keep the messages from becomeing books!

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1507. Dayton Hamvention 2008 BMHA Forum Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-24 22:00:32 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1507 Message: 1507

Dayton Hamvention 2008 BMHA Forum
The 18th Annual BMHA (Bicycle Mobile Hams of America) forum will be held at the Dayton Hamvention on Sunday May 18th, 2008. Mike Nickolaus, NF0N, will be forum moderator.

I am looking for Forum speakers and presenter's for this years Forum. The hot topic seems to be Bicycle APRS, is there any one who would like to present at the forum? Please contact me at nf0n@....

Room details and forum time will be posted on the BMHA website: www.BMHA-Hams.org and the BMHA Yahoo Group as they become available.

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1508. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention 2008 BMHA Forum Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-25 01:39:12 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1507 Message: 1508

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>
> Mike Nickolaus

I might bring one of my bikes. Perhaps the fixed track bike would be a conversation piece. I still need to finish taking some pictures of them for the newsletter.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 63,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 65,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1509. RAGBRAI Route Announced

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-25 04:23:58 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1509 Message: 1509

For those who have an interest in RAGBRAI, Registers Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, the route for 2008 has been announced.

Here are the start, overnight towns and ending town:

Missouri Valley (north of Council Bluffs about 20 miles)
Harlan
Jefferson
Ames
Tama-Toledo
North Liberty
Tipton
Le Claire

This is the first time RAGBRAI has ended at Le Claire.

Team Megacycles, a team of about 12-15 Ham's will be riding again with our support team. Several of us hope to have APRS aboard the bike again so look for us.

The website for RAGBRAI is: www.ragbrai.org

Mike, NF0N

1510. PAD Rally

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-01-28 16:56:29 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1510 Message: 1510

Message I received from (FOOTPRO) the organizer of the
PAD Rally for July 13. 2008 in Ashtabula County (Ohio)

Due to medical/legal concerns, the Rally has been canceled. Medical
malpractice laws are very strict and many times more restrictive than
laws for other businesses. Having counseled with my insurance
company's legal department, I have decided to cancel the Rally
Thank You
Dr. Guy

1511. HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 18:45:21 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1511 Message: 1511

A long time ago we had a net on the HF bands. Is there any interest in
reviving it? We are in a new sunspot cycle and it might be fun again.
I was thinking of sideband net on an appropriate band for the time chosen.
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1512. Re: [BMHA] HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 18:53:36 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1511 Message: 1512

My health has not allowed me to bike in the last year (3 heart attacks, etc) but I still follow the group. I would be interested in a HF net 73 Johnny KD5LWU

Norm Huber wrote:
>
> A long time ago we had a net on the HF bands. Is there any interest in
> reviving it? We are in a new sunspot cycle and it might be fun again.
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1513. Re: HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 19:20:03 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1511 Message: 1513

I got in almost 10 miles this last week, first time since the below-freezing weather hit a couple months ago. <sigh>
Still a bit nippy out.... not too bad during the noon hour IF the wind isn't howling.
W5AOX
Bike-mobile internet track:
http://maps.aprsworld.net/map/track.phtml?call=w5aox-4&skipTable=0&skipBogusCheck=0&showRawPackets=0&start_year=2007&start_month=8&start_day=21&start_hour=4&start_minute=34&end_year=2008&end_month=1&end_day=1&end_hour=0&end_minute=0&end_now=1&date_search=1

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> Norm Huber wrote:
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1514. Re: HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 20:01:14 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1511 Message: 1514

Norm,

Let's give the HF net a shot. I think it should be weekly, and after a few times it will get some traction.

Pick a day, a time and a frequency.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Norm Huber <n9zks@...> wrote:
>
> A long time ago we had a net on the HF bands. Is there any interest in
> reviving it? We are in a new sunspot cycle and it might be fun again.
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1515. Re: [BMHA] Re: HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 21:13:40 UTC
From: Denny Voorhees
Topic: 1511 Message: 1515

As long as the weather is lousy here in the North East, how about ~14280 +- 5 Around 1600 est. I'm not running a bunch of power, but it would be fun to try.
Denny AD3O
----- Original Message -----
From: Scott Laughlin
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 3:01 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: HF Net

Norm,

Let's give the HF net a shot. I think it should be weekly, and after a few times it will get some traction.

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1516. Re: HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 21:43:46 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1511 Message: 1516

OKAY

Sunday, 10 Feb, 14.280 +/- 5 for 1/2 hour beginning at 1600 EST, 1500 CST, 1400 MST, and 1300 PST.

Is it a go?

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Denny Voorhees" <dvoorhees@...> wrote:
>
> As long as the weather is lousy here in the North East, how about ~14280 +- 5 Around 1600 est. I'm not running a bunch of power, but it would be fun to try.
> Denny AD3O
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Scott Laughlin
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 3:01 PM
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: HF Net
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> Norm,
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> Let's give the HF net a shot. I think it should be weekly, and after
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> Pick a day, a time and a frequency.
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1517. Re: [BMHA] Re: HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 22:42:09 UTC
From: Denny Voorhees
Topic: 1511 Message: 1517

I'll try to be there.
Denny
----- Original Message -----
From: Scott Laughlin
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 4:43 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: HF Net

OKAY

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Is it a go?

72 de Scott/n7net

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> Denny AD3O
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Scott Laughlin
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 3:01 PM
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: HF Net
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> Norm,
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> Let's give the HF net a shot. I think it should be weekly, and after
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> Pick a day, a time and a frequency.
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1518. Re: [BMHA] Re: HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 23:06:22 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1511 Message: 1518

Scott Laughlin wrote:
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> OKAY
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> Sunday, 10 Feb, 14.280 +/- 5 for 1/2 hour beginning at 1600 EST, 1500
> CST, 1400 MST, and 1300 PST.
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> Is it a go?
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> 72 de Scott/n7net
>

I'm setting my palm!
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1519. Re: [BMHA] Re: HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-09 23:08:14 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1511 Message: 1519

Good time and works for me 73 Johnny KD5lwu

Scott Laughlin wrote:
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> OKAY
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> CST, 1400 MST, and 1300 PST.
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> > To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>
> > Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 3:01 PM
> > Subject: [BMHA] Re: HF Net
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1520. BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 19:38:37 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1520 Message: 1520

Don't forget about the net this afternoon at 1600 EST. We're going to try for 1/2 hour at 14.280 +/- 5.

Hope to hear someone.

72/73 de Scott/n7net

1521. Re: BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 20:46:45 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1520 Message: 1521

Sounds like a good idea, I'd like to try it, but the net starts
in 15 min, and I am not at home.

I'd like to see it maybe an hour earlyer, as I leave for work at 3PM
central time every other weekend. (I work next weekend)..

Anyhow.. hope you guys have good luck!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

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> 72/73 de Scott/n7net
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1522. Re: BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:09:06 UTC
From: Lynn
Topic: 1520 Message: 1522

I am not hearing any one here on the east coast.
KB3FN - Lynn
--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "vhuntertdi" <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
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>
> Sounds like a good idea, I'd like to try it, but the net starts
> in 15 min, and I am not at home.
>
> I'd like to see it maybe an hour earlyer, as I leave for work at 3PM
> central time every other weekend. (I work next weekend)..
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> Anyhow.. hope you guys have good luck!
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> > 72/73 de Scott/n7net
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1523. bmha net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:15:18 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1523 Message: 1523

Not hearing anything except the word Colorado. Just talked to an AA6W in California so the radio was working a bit ago.

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1524. BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:21:36 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1520 Message: 1524

I haven't heard anyone on 14.280 except those running linears and DX station with QSB. We'll try next Sunday. We have one member for whom this time slot didn't work.

Who can adjust?

Who can't?

Does it need to be in CW?

Maybe we need to start a poll?

72 de Scott/n7net

1525. Re: BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:10:23 UTC
From: Dennis Voorhees
Topic: 1520 Message: 1525

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Scott Laughlin" <n7net@...> wrote:
>
> Don't forget about the net this afternoon at 1600 EST. We're going
to
> try for 1/2 hour at 14.280 +/- 5.
>
> Hope to hear someone.
>
> 72/73 de Scott/n7net
>
I'm there right now 1608 est
Worked a station down near pittsburgh that heard me checking out my
radio. Nothing from the group though
Denny AD3O

1526. Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:16:49 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1526 Message: 1526

I heard N7NET very low in N/E Ohio
A lot of QRM, contests I think.
WD8PVB (Bob)

1527. Re: [BMHA] Re: BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:20:07 UTC
From: Roger Reini
Topic: 1520 Message: 1527

I wasn't hearing anyone in Detroit, either. Whether that was due to
bad propagation or high local noise, I can't say.

Roger, KD8CSE

On Feb 10, 2008, at 4:09 PM, Lynn wrote:

> I am not hearing any one here on the east coast.
> KB3FN - Lynn
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> > Sounds like a good idea, I'd like to try it, but the net starts
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1528. BMHA net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:26:17 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1528 Message: 1528

Listening at 14.280, but just hearing spanish...

1529. 14275 khz

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:28:14 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1529 Message: 1529

Will try listening and calling at 14.275..

de KA0NCR

1530. New poll for BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:30:03 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 209 Message: 1530

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
BMHA group:

The BMHA HF Net.

What changes are needed?

o Do you want to keep it SSB?
o Is there a better frequency than 14.280?
o Is there a better time than 1600 EST?
o Who would rather have it in CW?
o Is Sunday okay?
o What other options am I forgetting?

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/surveys?id=2655197

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

1531. Sunday Poll Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:39:42 UTC
From: Lynn
Topic: 1531 Message: 1531

The poll didn't allow for any exhange so here is my 2 cents.

Sunday at 1600 EST is fine. Would anyone be interested in a psk? Or what about 30 meters? I work a lot of digital modes and psk gets past the cramped bands of ssb. I hope to be running a bike mobile digital station this summer on our local bike trils. But I'll go with the group. Lynn - KB3FN

1532. Re: BMHA net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:30:26 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1528 Message: 1532

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "vhuntertdi" <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
>
> Listening at 14.280, but just hearing spanish...
>

Same thing here... thought it was gone and asked if the freq was in use!!! Hehehe DUH! Thought it might work. Will try again next time... I think it is a great idea!!

73 de K4UAE
John

1533. Re: New poll for BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:46:52 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 209 Message: 1533

Im not sure how to go about a pole that you just check the answers, when you are asking several questions......

I'd like to keep it ssb for now.. some people are not up to high speed CW.

I am wondering if some other freq. might be better for the time picked. At the time the net was supposed to go on, the band was very long, I was hearing a lot of DX. Would 40 M be better?

Like I mentioned earlyer, I'd like to see it earlyer in the day, then I would be able to check in on the weekends that I have to go to work. (I work 4PM to 4AM)

Just some thoughts! 73 - Arnie KA0NCR

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> Thanks!
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1534. Re: [BMHA] BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 21:53:19 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1520 Message: 1534

Scott Laughlin wrote:
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>
> I haven't heard anyone on 14.280 except those running linears and DX
> station with QSB. We'll try next Sunday. We have one member for whom
> this time slot didn't work.

> Who can adjust?
I can adjust

> Who can't?
>
> Does it need to be in CW?

No CW for me,
> Maybe we need to start a poll?
>
Earlier may just work. I had a conversation with the west coast at about
1500 EST / 2000 UTC using a long wire and 100 watts.

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1535. BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 22:02:21 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1520 Message: 1535

A big thanks to everyone who tried to check in. We'll shake the bugs out of this and be up and running after a couple of weeks.

Anyone wishing to be NCS should jump right in here. You won't hurt my feeling.

Does anyone have the preamble from the last net?

72 de Scott

1536. Re: New poll for BMHA PSK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 22:03:50 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 209 Message: 1536

I wonder about PSK, as it is not as widely available mode for general "ham" bike people as would be on SSB. Might be better for the net to stay on SSB.
That said, I am getting ready to try PSK, and will have 2 different units that I want to try out on the bike. (trike actually).

One is with my Dell Axim X51, and the other will be with a NEU-PSK unit from AmQRP. (http://www.amqrp.org/kits/nue-psk31/index.html)

Probably will run one or the other with a SWL PSK rig, which I am ordering a kit for. Not sure which band to get though.. With Xtal control and low power required should be nice for the bike! Also as a kit it is not that expensive if you happen to wreck it some how!

LINK to the TXcever I'd like for the bike.
http://www.smallwonderlabs.com/

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

1537. Re: [BMHA] BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 22:22:38 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1520 Message: 1537

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> 72 de Scott

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CW is not my cup of tea. I had to wait till last January to get on HF.
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1538. Re: [BMHA] bmha net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 22:25:06 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1523 Message: 1538

That was me kd5lwu in Cortez, CO I tried and heard a few very weak station one from ILL was a little stronger but he did not hear me. I am thinking most of you are in the eastern States? Never did hear a net control though 73 Johnny

Norm Huber wrote:
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> Not hearing anything except the word Colorado. Just talked to an AA6W in
> California so the radio was working a bit ago.
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> ~~~~~~
> - Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
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1539. Net and Introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 22:22:11 UTC
From: Dennis Voorhees
Topic: 1539 Message: 1539

A good choice for a net might me 17 meters. There is no contest activity and the propogation is usually pretty good in the afternoons. I thought 20 might have more of an appeal since just about all hf radios have that band, not all (including me) have 17 meters. I'm using a vintage Ten Tec Argosy, without the warc bands. Though lately I've been purusing the swap sheets for something cheap that covers 17 meters.

This afternoon propagation was pretty bad for the west from here. I hear mostly stations south of me. I too heard the spanish stations quite well here. Just before nettime I worked a station near Pittsburgh, that sounded like a local. Pittsburgh is about 200 air miles from here, so propagation was wierd for 20.

Now the introduction. I've been a ham for 42 years (xWA3FWQ) and an adult cyclist for 26. My amateur activity is mostly qrp Cw on the hf bands, with some 2meter 440 fm mobile activity. My BMH station is just an APRS set up in the bike bag. I had a FT817 and hamstick for the bike, but found I liked riding too much to be fiddling with a hf radio.

I've been riding recumbents since 1998 and my current main ride is a Bacchetta Giro dual 26. I also have a Catrike Road, and a Bacchetta Giro 26x20. I average around 3400 miles a year on the bikes. I live near the New York State Finger Lakes region.Since my home, Sayre, Pa, is very close to the New York State border, a large percentage of my daily cycling is on NY roads. The area is not greatly populated and the secondary roads are choice, with wide shoulders and low traffic.

If you ever get up to this area, drop me a pm and I can point you some of the best cycling your likely to find. Ah, but thats just my opinion.

Tailwinds

Denny AD3O

1540. Re: [BMHA] Re: New poll for BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-10 22:32:17 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 209 Message: 1540

Remember many of us go the church on Sunday's and the earliest time
would be after 1:30 M.S.T. for me 73 Johnny

vhuntertdi wrote:
>
> Im not sure how to go about a pole that you just check the answers,
> when you are asking several questions......
>
> I'd like to keep it ssb for now.. some people are not up to high
> speed CW.
>
> I am wondering if some other freq. might be better for the time
> picked. At the time the net was supposed to go on, the band was
> very long, I was hearing a lot of DX. Would 40 M be better?
>
> Like I mentioned earlyer, I'd like to see it earlyer in the day, then
> I would be able to check in on the weekends that I have to go to work.
> (I work 4PM to 4AM)
>
> Just some thoughts! 73 - Arnie KA0NCR
>
> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>,
> BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com> wrote:
> >
> > Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
> > BMHA group:
> >
> > The BMHA HF Net.
> >
> > What changes are needed?
> >
> > o Do you want to keep it SSB?
> > o Is there a better frequency than 14.280?
> > o Is there a better time than 1600 EST?
> > o Who would rather have it in CW?
> > o Is Sunday okay?
> > o What other options am I forgetting?
> >
> >
> > To vote, please visit the following web page:
> > http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/surveys?id=2655197
> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/surveys?id=2655197>
> >
> > Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
> > not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups

> > web site listed above.
> >
> > Thanks!
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1541. Re: BMHA HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-11 00:26:11 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1520 Message: 1541

Norm,

You and Johnny, in Colorado, might make a hot team for covering coast to coast and some.

After spending a lot of years on flightlines my ears don't work very good (ask KC7BSY). About ten letters sound the same to me. I create a lot of unnecessary chaos.

My only digital interest is CW. In fact, I have a brand new KAM XL that's never been out of the box I'd like to sell so I can buy a KX1...if anyone is interested....

72 de Scott/n7net

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10&radar=***
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1542. Re: Net and Introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-11 00:38:02 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1539 Message: 1542

Denny,

Good information. Good ideas.

I, too, do QRP CW. Today for the net I had my power turned up to 80 watts. I can'r recall the last time I was on SSB and it's been even longer since I operated more than 3 watts.

Finger Lakes. Been there. Great country. So is all of New York and Birkshires (sp).

My bicycle mobile has actually gravitated to bicycle portable except for 2m simplex.

72 de Scott/n7net

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opinion.
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> Tailwinds
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> Denny AD3O
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1543. Free WiFi at Starbucks

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-11 22:35:58 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1543 Message: 1543

You're half-way through your leisurel weekend bike ride, and stop a Starbucks for some decaf...Well, whip out your wi-fi device, because...

Starbucks announced today it will give most any customer two consecutive hours a day of free Wi-Fi access. Specifically, that offer applies to anyone who uses its prepaid Starbucks
Card at least once a month. That represents as many as 60 hours of access for the price of one $2 cup of coffee.

The offer comes as Starbucks switches the company providing it with wireless service to AT&T from T-Mobile. Most of AT&T's broadband data customers will also have unlmited free access to Wi-Fi at 7,000 Starbucks. They have already been able to use AT&T's other 10,000 hotspots free.

Clint Bradford, K6LCS

1544. Re: bmha net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-11 21:52:37 UTC
From: David Riley
Topic: 1523 Message: 1544

I was trying from Grand Junction, CO; I did not hear any traffic.With
only 5 watts into an wire I did not expect to be heard.

David
N5WNE

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Fr. Johnny" <fieldservice@...> wrote:
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> station one from ILL was a little stronger but he did not hear me. I am
> thinking most of you are in the eastern States? Never did hear a net
> control though 73 Johnny
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1545. BMHA Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-12 17:25:22 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1545 Message: 1545

I suggest anyone who has a chance explore the bands about 2000 UTC anytime they can. Let's see what might be open about that time in the General portion of the band for the most participation. Might be good to look at 40 M as the signals seemed to have moved west with the sun Sunday on 20 M.
Just keep saying "It's getting better!"
73's

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1546. Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-15 18:09:42 UTC
From: Luis
Topic: 1546 Message: 1546

Hey folks...

I say we keep trying for our Net. I can monitor 20m and 40m simultaneously. So what say? Keep trying for 14.280 +/- 5 and on 7.280 +/- 5. Still keep the 1600 Eastern time, 1500 Central, 1400 Mountain, and 1300 Pacific schedule? I can be on the air earlier if need be. So let's do it! I'll call CQ from Victoria, down in south Texas on both bands and see who picks up what and where. IF we can make contact with even a couple of us, we can think of a preamble or find the old(?) one later. But for now, I think trying to reach out and contact each other is primary.

Best of 73!

Luis KD5KJD
Easy Racers Sport currently running VHF/UHF (Icom 32A HT or T90A, occasionally the Icom 2100H), modifying the HF stuff (Icom 706 MkIIG) and adding APRS (Byonics everything).

1547. RE: Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-15 20:42:00 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1546 Message: 1547

Hi Luis,

I'll give it a try Sunday on 20M, and maybe on 40 if 20 don't sound active.
Won't have much time, but will at least try to give you a contact before I have
to leave for work at 1515 Central time.

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

> 1. Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?
> Posted by: "Luis" kd5kjd@... kd5kjd
> Date: Fri Feb 15, 2008 10:09 am ((PST))
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> Messages in this topic (1)
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>
> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby
spamming.
> Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.
>
> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for questions and/or
> suggestions.
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1548. HF Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-15 20:58:20 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1511 Message: 1548

I am in N/E Ohio
I will check both 20 and 40
for the Net.
I do not have a Amp so only about 90 W.
I do have a beam on 20 at 55 Ft.
G5RV on 40

Wish us luck
73 de WD8PVB

1549. Re: Low weight, high engergy density battery.. > From: tobymarkowitz

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-15 21:04:20 UTC
From: tobymarkowitz
Topic: 1506 Message: 1549

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Arnie Grubbs <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
I consulted a friend who is expert in these matters. He agreed the
videos are compelling but cautioned that the rate at which the cell is
penetrated may be particularly important in terms of the result.
Apparently, faster is more benign. He felt the a123 technology should
not be dismissed.

sorry for the delay in responding.
Toby
w0lzd (still skiing x-c; waiting for roads w/o snow & ice)

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>
> Yes, there could be some problems with just about any high
> power battery, but the cool thing about the A123 type of
> Lithium nano-phosphate cells is that they are much less
> reactive when the cell is breached.
> Check out this video where they drill a hole in both types...
>
> http://www.ecogeek.org/content/view/876/
>
> The first battery is one of the new type.. while it hiss's
> and steams a little, it does not come apart or breath fire!
> The regular LiIO battery just about flys out of the picture
> on a rocket like tail of fire! :)
>
> Oh, and btw - I have nothing to do with A123 batterys, I
> just saw them on the science channel on TV!
>
> --- BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> > There is 1 message in this issue.
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> > Topics in this digest:
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> > 1a. Re: Low weight, high engergy density battery..
> > From: tobymarkowitz
> >
> >
> > Message
> >

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> > 1a. Re: Low weight, high engergy density battery..
> > Posted by: "tobymarkowitz" tobymarkowitz@... tobymarkowitz
> > Date: Tue Jan 15, 2008 4:44 pm ((PST))

> >
> > Beware of fire danger with high energy density batteries. Some of the
> > RC folks require recharging in a bucket of sand to protect against
> > fire/explosion. When I searched for a battery pack to power APRS on a
> > bike, I was intrigued by the Li-ion capability but the recent battery
> > recalls cast a different perspective on the matter.
> >
> > Toby
> > w0lzd
> >
> >
> SNIPPED! ---------- to keep the messages from becomeing books!
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> Looking for last minute shopping deals?
> Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.
http://tools.search.yahoo.com/newsearch/category.php?category=shopping
>

1550. Re: [BMHA] Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-15 23:32:25 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1546 Message: 1550

Luis wrote:
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> Hey folks...
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1551. Re:Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-16 00:16:36 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1546 Message: 1551

I will try to be on Sunday from the western end of Maryland.
I be checking 20 and 40 meters.

Looking forward to talking to another EZ-Sport rider.

Lynn - KB3FN
*** Melancholy is incompatible with bicycling. James E. Starrs ***

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1552. Re: [BMHA] Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-16 00:37:37 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1546 Message: 1552

I will try to be there too kd5lwu

Norm Huber wrote:
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> Luis wrote:
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1553. Re: Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-17 21:03:48 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1546 Message: 1553

Listening, but not hearing anything but spanish? on 14.280.. tuning
around a bit.. nothing much jumpin out..

- KA0NCR

-- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Fr. Johnny" <fieldservice@...> wrote:
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1554. Re: Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-17 21:12:23 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1546 Message: 1554

Well, I am going to have to head out to work.. nothing heard on
14.280 +- 10, or on 7280 +- 10, other than some loud DX.

Bands are open today! I worked VP6DX DXpidition on Ducie Is on 17M
SSB today on the rotatable dipole.. He came back the first call. My
first Elecraft K3-K3 contact! :)

73 - KA0NCR

I owe I owe so off to work eyes goes!..

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1555. Re: [BMHA] Re: Re-Try for HF net this Sunday?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-17 21:13:49 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1546 Message: 1555

Kistening here too but noise floor is very high so would take a strong
signal to hear. 73 Johnny KD5LWU

vhuntertdi wrote:
>
> Listening, but not hearing anything but spanish? on 14.280.. tuning
> around a bit.. nothing much jumpin out..
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> - KA0NCR
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> -- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com>, "Fr.
> Johnny" <fieldservice@...> wrote:
> >
> > I will try to be there too kd5lwu
> >
> > Norm Huber wrote:
> > >
> > > Luis wrote:
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> > > >
> > > > Hey folks...
> > > >
> > > > I say we keep trying for our Net. I can monitor 20m and 40m
> > > > simultaneously. So what say? Keep trying for 14.280 +/- 5 and on
> > > > 7.280 +/- 5. Still keep the 1600 Eastern time, 1500 Central,
> 1400
> > > > Mountain, and 1300 Pacific schedule? I can be on the air
> earlier if
> > > > need be. So let's do it! I'll call CQ from Victoria, down in
> south
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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1556. Sunday Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-17 21:26:58 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1556 Message: 1556

I did manage to get up to 40 M and catch KA0NCR before he left for work
and talked to KD5KJD on 20 M We need to keep trying even if we get
broadcast interfering.
73 till next week.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 63,000 miles
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- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
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- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1557. Re: Sunday Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-19 01:23:11 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1556 Message: 1557

Hi Norm, nice to chat with you Sunday. I wish I could have stuck around. Next week I should be around all afternoon.

I talked with Mike NF0N on the phone on the way to work yesterday and mentioned the net.. He said he was going to be traveling for a few weekends so probably wont be on the net unless he checks in as a mobile, but he might supprise us!

I see that you are in Bloomington, IL. Mike and I will be passing thru there in May on the way to the Dayton Hamvention. Will you be at the BMHA forums this year? If not, we will have to wave at you on the way thru your town and give a shout on one of the repeaters.

I do hope that sometime this spring/summer what with the solar cycle getting better to be able to check in to the net trike mobile. I have been thinking all winter about putting some equipment on one of my rides.

Heres a link to a few pictures of my trike, less radio gear for now.
http://vhunter.smugmug.com/gallery/1591463_W3suf#77155152

Check out a few of the other bike and ham radio pages on my picture server if you like. There are several folders of bike ride pictures at
http://vhunter.smugmug.com/Other/14477

Check out the folder for RAGBRAI '05, there are a number of pictures in there of 'team MegaCycles'.

If you ride RAGBRAI this year maybe we can work each other on VHF or UHF! I am hoping to go again this year with 'team MegaCycles'..

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

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1558. Re:Sunday Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-19 01:16:54 UTC
From: Mark Manucy
Topic: 1556 Message: 1558

When I've had trouble with schedules with my friends we have used EchoLink as a back up. If there aren't too many stations a couple of leads with at least a DSL line can be connect points or a conferencing node can be used.
I know it's not radio, but if you haven't tried it!... We've found it a lot of fun and it does keep us in touch until the bands improve.
Sunday, 20M in Florida was a bust and 40M was just too noisy here. (1600 hours) EchoLink is always Q5 and S9.

Mark, W4FJE

1559. Re: [BMHA] Re: Sunday Net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-19 05:17:29 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1556 Message: 1559

vhuntertdi wrote:
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> Hi Norm, nice to chat with you Sunday. I wish I could have stuck
> around. Next week I should be around all afternoon.
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> I talked with Mike NF0N on the phone on the way to work yesterday and
> mentioned the net.. He said he was going to be traveling for a few
> weekends so probably wont be on the net unless he checks in as a
> mobile, but he might supprise us!

I'm going to be working this weekend so I will not be on the net.

> I see that you are in Bloomington, IL. Mike and I will be passing
> thru there in May on the way to the Dayton Hamvention. Will you be at
> the BMHA forums this year? If not, we will have to wave at you on
> the way thru your town and give a shout on one of the repeaters.

I sure will be at Dayton. I was planning to bring my track bike (read
about it when you get your newsletter) and even try to ride if there is
a ride Saturday.

> I do hope that sometime this spring/summer what with the solar cycle
> getting better to be able to check in to the net trike mobile. I have
> been thinking all winter about putting some equipment on one of my
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> server if you like. There are several folders of bike ride pictures

Interesting. Great pictures.

The idea of Echolink is a great idea as an adjunct to the net is great
by me. I participate in a net our motorcycling radio club has in the
California area weekly. That is when my computer co-operates and lets me
hook up. I'm listed as N9ZKS, Shamrock Illinois.
I've been keeping the computer on for possible emails anyway.
73 for now.
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1560. GMRBC 2nd Annual Recumbent Rally June 21

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-22 23:00:12 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1560 Message: 1560

Wanted to let everyone know that the Greater Milwaukee Recumbent Bike Club (GMRBC) will be hosting their 2nd Annual Recumbent Rally on June 21 in the Milwaukee, WI area. While we are a recumbent bike club, any HPVs are welcome and Id really like to get a few BMHA members to show up. Would like it even more if I can get a few BMHA members to volunteer too :)

For more information and registration: http://www.gmrbc.org/

73,
stephen kc9eku

1561. Anyone trying the Sunday net?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-24 15:55:59 UTC
From: Dennis Voorhees
Topic: 1561 Message: 1561

I had to work last Sunday, then had a bike club meeting, so I didn't
get home in time to try. I haven't seen much in the last couple days.
We still looking at 14280 around 4pm est?
Denny AD30
Sayre, Pa

1562. Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-25 21:58:41 UTC
From: John Carlos
Topic: 1562 Message: 1562

Hi BMHA,

I'm a relatively new operator and I'm planning a bicycle tour along the Pacific coast from Seattle to SF. I'm thinking of bringing my mobile with me to tinker with. What would be a good way to get the repeater frequencies for my route?

Thanks,

John
KG6QLV

1563. Re: Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-26 04:49:04 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1562 Message: 1563

John,

By all means, take your radio. Try this website for a list of
repeaters covering the area where you're traveling.

--- Ihttp://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/n BMHA@yahoogroups.com

72 de Scott/n7net

"John Carlos" <johnny_carlos@...> wrote:
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> Thanks,
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> John
> KG6QLV
>

1564. Re: [BMHA] Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-26 04:49:06 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1562 Message: 1564

John Carlos wrote:
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> Hi BMHA,
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> I'm a relatively new operator and I'm planning a bicycle tour along
> the Pacific coast from Seattle to SF. I'm thinking of bringing my
> mobile with me to tinker with. What would be a good way to get the
> repeater frequencies for my route?

Get yourself a copy of the ARRL Travel Plus disk. You can trace out a route on the map, pick the frequencies, and create a list of all the repeaters at any distance from your route you choose. It will also export these lists in a format that can be used to program those radios with computer programming capability. You can even have the computer display those repeaters within the chosen range as you drive if you have an attached NEIMA GPS.
Downsides - Many of the repeaters in the directory are not active. One could believe there were no hams there. Calling may get some lurker to reply but it can be fairly lonely out there. My source of this is the last 100,000 miles of riding my motorcycle across the country using my D700 and the above program to load the repeaters along my routes.
Good luck, good ride!

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1565. Re: Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-26 05:02:32 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1562 Message: 1565

John,

It's me again.

Don't forget about simplex on 146.520. You'd be surprised how many folks monitor that frequency. When I travel I always stay on 146.52.

There's an organization you might want to visit and make some friends before your departure.

Go to: http://www.73sps.com/

72 de Scott/n7net

-- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "John Carlos" <johnny_carlos@...> wrote:
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> Thanks,
>
> John
> KG6QLV
>

1566. Re: Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-26 19:40:18 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1562 Message: 1566

I rarely try to transmit while bicycle-mobile, but often enjoy listening to the chatter on the radio while pedaling along... I use a "D" style earclip cell phone earpiece with my desired HT-audio-plug in place of the cell phone connector that provides good audio for reception. Using the boom mike provides good quality audio but it's low enough that I need to either crank up the deviation or install some sort of preamp inline. But again, with my chronic shortness of breath while pedaling, I rarely transmit anyway. Even then, it is handy to have the radio along.... if someone engages in a subject that I wish to contribute to I normally pull over somewhere and chat for a few minutes before saddling up again. I let my TH-7D (Or IC2AT with TinyTracker) do the auto-transmit-my-position thing while I ride; that requires no "fiddling while pedaling".
Jim W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=w5aox-4&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800

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> > Thanks,
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> > John
> > KG6QLV
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1567. Re: [BMHA] Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-27 12:03:04 UTC
From: WS8E
Topic: 1562 Message: 1567

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Tips for handling interference
IRLP, WIRES-II, and Echolink (Internet linked) nodes
Emergency Message Handling procedures
Transceiver Memory Log

http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=&words=repeater+directory

On Mon, Feb 25, 2008 at 4:58 PM, John Carlos <johnny_carlos@...> wrote:
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> Hi BMHA,
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> repeater frequencies for my route?
>
> Thanks,
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> John
> KG6QLV
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1568. Re: [BMHA] Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-27 00:30:27 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1562 Message: 1568

http://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/

I would take a pad and write down the repeaters
that I thought I might be able to get it to.
Make sure you also write down the PL.
If you are like me, I need the radio manual to put in the Freq.
and PL.
Save peddling and enjoy.
Bob

Looking for last minute shopping deals? Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1569. Re: [BMHA] Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-27 16:05:32 UTC
From: Douglas Jones
Topic: 1562 Message: 1569

> New Features!
>
>
> D-Star and APCO 25 Repeaters
> Includes:

APCO 25 repeaters? I don't think I'm familiar with those. Could someone please enlighten me and then slap me silly for not knowing? Thanks!

Doug N6LMX

1570. Re: Bike Tour Seattle to San Francisco

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-02-27 21:54:36 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1562 Message: 1570

No responsible bicycle rider should use an earpiece of any kind for
telephone or radio communications while riding.

Both ears need to be available for safety's sake.

A securely mounted HT, coupled with a speaker-mic with a secure clip,
can safely be used while mobile.

Here's a couple photos of the RAM mounting system for HTs:

http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford/PhotoAlbum8.html

Clint Bradford, K6LCS / KAF3359
909-241-7666

1571. New BMHA Newsletter online

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-02 19:46:58 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1571 Message: 1571

The newest edition of the BMHA newsletter is now available online.
Thanks to Norm N9ZKS for his fine job of editing.

http://www.BMHA-Hams.org/Newsletter/Backissues/BMHAvol17no1.pdf

You will need a PDF reader if you do not have one already (Adobe Reader
is a popular choice).

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1572. Sunday net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-02 21:05:05 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1572 Message: 1572

With the contest I'm hearing nothing except "CQ contest" on 20M and
noise on 40M. Does not look promising.
guess I ought to listen to pick up tips on how to operate in these
conditions.
73
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1573. Sunday net 3/09/2008

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-09 19:24:24 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1573 Message: 1573

I'll be listening for the net this PM on 14.280 and 7.280 about
3PM CDT (central dumb time! :>)

Hope to hear some bikers!

More later!

Arnie KA0NCR - EN11SK

1574. Sunday net

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-09 19:26:59 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1572 Message: 1574

I've tuned up and am sitting on 14.280. Perhaps we could also try
Echolink I've logged on and am at Node 132153 for anyone interested.
It's a thought.
73
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1575. Re: [BMHA] Sunday net --- Is there a schedule?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-09 21:09:10 UTC
From: richjkuster@aol.com
Topic: 1575 Message: 1575

I hate getting these emails after the fact...

Is there a schedule of these nets on the BMHA website?

73's de Rich AF1K

**********It's Tax Time! Get tips, forms, and advice on AOL Money & Finance. (http://money.aol.com/tax?NCID=aolprf00030000000001)

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1576. Re: [BMHA] Sunday net --- Is there a schedule?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 00:50:29 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1575 Message: 1576

richjkuster@... wrote:
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> I hate getting these emails after the fact...
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> 73's de Rich AF1K
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> **********It's Tax Time! Get tips, forms, and advice on AOL Money &
> Finance. (http://money.aol.com/tax?NCID=aolprf00030000000001
> <http://money.aol.com/tax?NCID=aolprf00030000000001>)
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It was informally decided a few weeks ago that we would try to see if we could have a net on 7.280 and/or 14.280 on Sundays at 3 PM Central Time (DST or Standard) I did manage a QSO with KA0NCR in Nebraska this afternoon. Conditions are going to get better.

It would also be great if any of the BMHA members check in regularly to nets that we publish that through the group.

Hope that answers your question.
73

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1577. Bike Ops in Virginia

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 02:35:29 UTC
From: ki4msj
Topic: 1577 Message: 1577

Are there any operators in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia?

1578. Re: Headset for ft-817?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 01:57:54 UTC
From: ki4msj
Topic: 1473 Message: 1578

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "w3ce" <w3ce@...> wrote:
>
> Anyone have a sugestion for a headset for my 817 that can be adapted
> for a bike helmet?
> Can go under or over the helmet. I have an earhanger for my HT that
> will fit under, but cannot find one for something other than a HT.
>
> 73
Al, I have just posted a pic of my bike helmet with a Heil single sided
headset boom mic attached with zip ties.
Scott, ki4msj
> AL w3ce
>

1579. Extreme Offroad 817

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 01:54:20 UTC
From: ki4msj
Topic: 1579 Message: 1579

I have posted pics of my new setup. Please browse them and tell me what you think. I am very interested in comments and pics of grounding and antenna setups. Would also like to know of antennas. Best antenna for HF ops. I have a buddistick and MP-1 but feel they may not be sturdy enough. Do I need drag line or is the bike going to be an adequate counterpoise?

1580. Introduction from N9ZRT, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 01:08:18 UTC
From: David H Hatch
Topic: 1575 Message: 1580

Greetings bicycle mobilers!

I just joined, thanks for having me.

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I will lurk and listen in.

73,

Dave

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1581. Re: Extreme Offroad 817

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 04:43:57 UTC
From: Jake
Topic: 1579 Message: 1581

Here is my attempt at HF bicycle mobile.
http://www.n0lx.com/bicycle_mobile.html

I followed my long-standing tradition of using shortened half wave antennas. This one was 13 feet tall, and good on 17 and 20 meters as described on the page.

I once ran 20 watts through an Icom 706 mounted on the bike rack (with the head on the handlebars) and worked New Zealand from Colorado. Here is some audio from the QSO with Warren, ZL1AIX:
http://n0lx.com/zl1aix.MP3

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I don't have details on the 13-footer, but here is a 14' version I made for 10-20 meters.
http://www.n0lx.com/short_5_band.html

Running 20 watts, I found it necessary to run a short lead from the match ground to the bike rack to give me 1:1 SWR.

73,
Jake, N0LX

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "ki4msj" <ki4msj@...> wrote:
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> HF ops.

1582. Re: [BMHA] Re: Extreme Offroad 817

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 13:06:48 UTC
From: scott martin
Topic: 1579 Message: 1582

Thanks Jake, Yes I have found your story and read it through. Very interesting. Thanks for the reply. There are alot of ideas out there.
Scott, ki4msj

Jake <n0lx@...> wrote:
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Looking for last minute shopping deals? Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.

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1583. RE: [BMHA] Introduction from N9ZRT, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 13:49:38 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1575 Message: 1583

Ooooooooooooo! Tell me what you have planned with the kite supported antenna from the bike!

I've played with a "kitoon" balloon/kite combo from a stationary bike - and was impressed with the difference to a whip antenna. Think we can whip up something that will function while in motion?

73, Ron W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: dhatch@...
Date: Sun, 9 Mar 2008 20:08:18 -0500
Subject: [BMHA] Introduction from N9ZRT, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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1584. Peddling Kite-Lifted Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-10 14:15:17 UTC
From: David H Hatch
Topic: 1575 Message: 1584

Ron asked,

"Think we can whip up something that will function while in motion?"

Dave, the new guy, replies.

Should be fairly easy, just would need to be clear of power lines and trees, so it's about location. A smaller kite reeled out from the top of a fiberglass mast, will work, I'd think. I am the student here.

I have some interest in a bike-loop, and have not tried it yet. Here in Wisconsin, seems the trend during cabin fever season is that we folks are long on ideas and short on follow through :) .

Sincerely,

Dave-N9ZRT [Hi Jake - Glad to see you here!]

1585. Re: [BMHA] Introduction from N9ZRT, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-11 03:31:51 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1575 Message: 1585

----- Original Message -----
From: "David H Hatch"
(snip)
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1586. RE: [BMHA] Introduction from N9ZRT, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-11 09:54:29 UTC
From: David H Hatch
Topic: 1575 Message: 1586

Hi Richard,

All great points you made! Nothing to rush into without some planning and some open spaces.

Appreciated hearing your well thought through words.

Dave - N9ZRT

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Richard Amirault
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 10:32 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Introduction from N9ZRT, Green Bay, Wisconsin

----- Original Message -----
From: "David H Hatch"
(snip)
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1587. RE: [BMHA] Introduction from N9ZRT, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-11 11:01:03 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1575 Message: 1587

So, what prompted you to spill some reality on my winter fantasy, Richard?

Not sure if I have the smarts to handle the kite on the open road. I was thinking about Field Day. I have the very large open field with no obstructions ... and I need to get the entire antenna length to over, say, over 25 feet long so my AH4 will tune and get out - kind of - on 80 meters. Various experiments with 80 meter bike antennas have ended with me yelling into the wind.

I need to go 14 feet longer than my 102" whip. In the past - but stationary - I've used a kitoon and run out 300 feet of wire - and that's what gave me the idea.

Now, if it works I get to spend Field Day riding back and forth over a big lumpy field trying to send CW. Nah, never mind.

But, in all seriousness, Richard, thanks for you comments - you obviously, know a great deal more about kites than moi.

73,

Ron W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: ramirault@...
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 23:31:51 -0400
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Introduction from N9ZRT, Green Bay, Wisconsin

----- Original Message -----

From: "David H Hatch"

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1588. Re: Sunday net --- Is there a schedule?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-11 13:37:27 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1575 Message: 1588

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, richjkuster@... wrote:
>
> I hate getting these emails after the fact...
>
> Is there a schedule of these nets on the BMHA website?
>
> 73's de Rich AF1K

No, there is not, and I've been tied up out-of-town and haven't had a chance to try my luck from the Left Coast.

This is a good idea, and if someone would like to send me a schedule (including the assurance that we have at least one person guaranteed to be available as Net Control from somewhere in the USA), I'll post it.

At this point, I would prefer specific dates/times and not a general plan such as "every Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 UTC".

Just email me the particulars at BMHA-Webmaster@..., and I'll get it on the website (http://www.BMHA-Hams.org) within a day or two.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@LaFetra.com

1589. whoisbike.com

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-12 01:48:41 UTC
From: acebae
Topic: 1589 Message: 1589

hi bikers,

show your profile at whoisbike.com
find out your friend arround the world

whoisbike.com
'connecting people in the world who love bike'

regards,
ace

1590. Re: whoisbike.com

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-12 12:21:22 UTC
From: Alan Dove
Topic: 1589 Message: 1590

Hey, folks:

A quick look at the site suggests it's just a Facebook-wannabe with a generic cycling theme (no radio connection), trying to drum up members. So am I mistaken, or is this spam?

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "acebae" <acebae@...> wrote:
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> hi bikers,
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> show your profile at whoisbike.com
> find out your friend arround the world
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> whoisbike.com
> 'connecting people in the world who love bike'
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>
> regards,
> ace
>

1591. Re: whoisbike.com

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-13 16:22:20 UTC
From: N8SUZ
Topic: 1589 Message: 1591

Wondered about the original sender myself. They tried to join
GOBAhams but didn't give any personal info. I sent a message to get
more, then I saw the post in this group. One reason I moderate my
memberships with all these "join and spam" folks out there.
73
Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ
Communications Director
Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure
(only 92 days, 11 hours and 38 minutes until GOBA 20)

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> > 'connecting people in the world who love bike'
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> >
> > regards,
> > ace
> >
>

1592. The last word on WHOISBIKE.COM. Use of this newsgroup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-13 16:56:46 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1592 Message: 1592

There is a reason why messages are moderated in this newsgroup (Scott KE6WMF, the original moderator, found that this was the best way to control "browse-by" spamming).

At the same time, the set of moderators have tried not to be "heavy-handed" and include as much bicycle and ham - related information as struck us as useful to the group (note that bicycle + ham is not entirely required, but information of simultaneous interest to both groups is especially desired and encouraged.)

From the responses received, it appears that WHOISBIKE.COM does not meet this criteria, and the moderators will stop accepting posts on this specific topic (this includes discussion, but you can freely send email to the moderators and if appropriate, we will summarize to the group).

I am not criticising those interested in WHOISBIKE.COM -- it has a place in the Internet. We are simply declaring it "off-topic" for this group which is specifically about the intersection of bicycling and ham radio. There are many general-interest bicycle groups where the posting would be considered appropriate.

Summer is approaching, and it is time to get out on the bikes and ride. The sunspot cycle is (slowly) gaining momentum so we can talk also.

Cheers,
- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...
(one of several) forum moderators

1593. Two-way Mobile Radio Ops Exempted in CA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-15 06:23:09 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1593 Message: 1593

I am assuming this applies to us bicyclists...

Amateur Radio Exempt from California's New "Hands Free" Law:

On July 1, the State of California will have new laws on the books to deal with the use of wireless telephones while driving. There has been some confusion as to whether California amateurs who operate in their car will be affected by the new law. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicle's Web site...

http://www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws/dl208_03cell_phone.pdf

... "the use of dedicated two-way radios such as walkie-talkies or Citizen Band (CB) radios is not affected by the new law" for drivers 18 or older.

From ARRL News

1594. New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-15 11:36:41 UTC
From: Kevin GIlday
Topic: 1594 Message: 1594

Hello all

I am getting into biking in a new way and combining it with my other new avocation, Ham Radio.

I mainly started riding (other than around the neighborhood) to act in a support role for my wife while she runs Marathons and "Ultra" trail runs (50 Miles).

I will be using a Yaesu FT60R and a garmin NUVI 200W while huffing and puffing around the courses.

I am looking for some appropriate method for mounting the Garmin on the handlebars. It would be nice if I could see it (hi hi). I haven't even thought about APRS (past dreaming about it that is) and just want the basics right now.

If I survive this year operating bike ham/support than I will look at more exciting things for next year.

Also, I am looking at a Topeak MTX intergrated pannier and trunk for the bike. I already have the Topeak rack system and have the small MTX bag. I have already decided that I need panniers, is the MTX system a good one?

One other thing - There is an event in southern Michigan, the Metro Grand Spring Tour starting near Monroe/Huron Twp on May 4th.

WWW.lmb.org/dcc/mgst/

Looking for other hams who might be attending this one, I have signed up for the 25 mile portion and am currently burning up the stationary bikes at the gym in preperation. If anyone else is riding this one let me know.

Thanks
Kevin
KD8GVM
Woodhaven, MI

1595. Re: [BMHA] New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-15 13:03:45 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1594 Message: 1595

Kevin GIlday wrote:
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> Hello all
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> the handlebars. It would be nice if I could see it (hi hi). I
> haven't even thought about APRS (past dreaming about it that is) and
> just want the basics right now.

Take a look at the latest newsletter for a couple of solutions for
mounting radios. I have ridden a good number of miles without problem
with both a fixed gear track bike and the road bike.
Anyone using one of the suspension fork bikes should have less worry
about shock etc. Good luck.

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1596. Re: [BMHA] New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-15 15:33:14 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1594 Message: 1596

Well... you may have to look into another GPS unit if you want to do APRS. I believe the Garmin NUVI units only have a USB output on them and not a serial output. Some of them have a data output on them (I guess some of them have some sort of "fleet tracker" feature in them)... but the word in the TinyTrak and other APRS groups is that its a proprietary Garmin output and not an NMEA output.

At the moment, I have an old Radio Shack "handlebar" case that they sold I think for their FRS radios. Unfortunately... they don't sell that anymore. I'm currently using a Garmin ForeTrex 201 on the handlebars of my mountain bike... but I think I'm going to get a RAM handlebar mount for my Garmin GPS III+ (so I can have "maps" on the screen as well).

Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

-------Original Message-------

From: Kevin GIlday
Date: 3/15/2008 8:51:34 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] New Rider looking at gear

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1597. Re: [BMHA] New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-15 19:48:05 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1594 Message: 1597

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If you insist on doing this you also must consider the battery life of the unit, or will you be lugging around a 12v battery to power it?

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1598. RE New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-15 18:59:19 UTC
From: Bruce Thompson
Topic: 1598 Message: 1598

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Good luck and let us know what you come up with.

Bruce

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1599. Simple mount photo

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-15 16:30:08 UTC
From: ka0daq
Topic: 1599 Message: 1599

Good Morning All:
I am not an official member, but have been reading the message board for about a year now. I have added a photo of my cheap and simple radio mount. I hope this will encourage every ham with a bike to try bicycle mobile.
It's a handlebar bottle holder ($9) a bit of foam for padding and two bungee cords ($1). This works well. I use a hand speaker mic, but will change to a headset this year so I can keep both hands on the grips.
I've added a safety flag/j-pole antenna for increased range.
Only put on 250 miles last year, aiming for 500 or more this year. I may mount my IC-706 and get out on the Woebegon Trail this summer.

73
Scott - n0uv in Saint cloud, MN

1600. Re: RE New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-15 22:08:49 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1598 Message: 1600

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1601. Re: RE New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-16 04:26:59 UTC
From: brucet622
Topic: 1598 Message: 1601

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1602. Re: RE New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-17 02:58:38 UTC
From: tobymarkowitz
Topic: 1598 Message: 1602

As to GPS on a bike with moving map, I use Garmin eTrex VISTA C. Garmin makes a handlebar mount and it has been through multiple rainy rides. I use this instead of a bike computer although I often wear a Polar heart rate monitor (725) when riding. I purchased a new bike last summer with carbon bars that did not accept the Garmin mount so purchased a "NOB" which can mount on the stem and then hold the GPS mount. This was better than mounting the GPS on the bars in that it was a bit more aerodynamic and easier to reach. The Vista C has a USB connection but my older Vista uses serial.

If you want moving map, the Vista C works well and you might consider one of the Garmin 60 models. I, too, looked at the nuvi units for a friend and saw they were not intended for use in rain. For APRS, there are a number of small GPS units that can be connected directly so keeping your moving map separate from position reporting.

It would seem natural to use one GPS but they are small enough you might consider separate units. I purchased one from Rikaline that seemed to work well. The SiRF-3 chip (I believe this is the one) seems to perform quite well so you might check what GPS chip is used when shopping.

73,
Toby
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1603. Re: New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-17 18:13:36 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1594 Message: 1603

I have been riding with my GPS mounted in front of my handlebars for over a year, with no damage, even surviving being knocked down and dragged several feet in and intersection(!). Me, bike, everything. Lost a rear brake lever and the 1/4 wave piano-wire antenna off my D7. But the GPS survives fine. I started using just stock alkalines but they tend to only last maybe 4 or 5 days with 3-4 hours a day of bike commuting. I switched to Lithium AA's, which are VERY expensive but last about 5 times as long as alkalines, and pulling off the road to change batteries in the middle of a bike ride is not my favorite activity.
This floppy 1/8" aluminum bracket started as a lashup, and I thought the flopping up and down whenever I hit bumps would be intolerable, but as it turns out it really works well AND provides a very safe mount to prevent the GPS from self destruction from vibration as I ride.
Here are images of my homebrew bracket for my Magellan Gold:
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/APRS/GPSRiderView.jpg
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/APRS/gpsbracket.jpg
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/APRS/GPSsideview.jpg

I just bought another bike, and the bracket on it is a simple straight aluminum strap clamped on the handlebars with a hose clamp. After I give it a few shakeout rides I'll try to remember to post pictures.
Jim W5AOX / bikemobile
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-4&mt=m&z=11&timerange=86400

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1604. Re: New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-17 19:17:35 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1594 Message: 1604

I think APRS is the more useful of ham radio functions - especially on a bicycle. I find, when riding, I'm rarely "in the mood" to try to key the radio and talk.... I'm too busy huffing and puffing. The APRS bleeps merrily away, reporting my position, speed, direction, etc, all by itself. I don't have to even look at it, much less talk on it, for it to work usefully. For voice, on the UHF side of my TH-D7, I normally monitor a local repeater or remote base with a modified cell earpiece. If someone says something especially interesting such that I decide I'm wanting to start transmitting, I pull over and take a "Talk Break".
I've chatted a FEW times while in motion.... the QSO mostly consisting of "Yeah, I'm (Puff) really bicycle mobile (Wheeze) - Trying to maintain oxygen here, 73 BYE...,<Gasp>"
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Date: 2008-03-17 20:45:44 UTC
From: Kevin GIlday
Topic: 1594 Message: 1605

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Richard

Tahnks for the input-
If I end up riding in the rain (been there, done it) I will be paying so much attention to the road that the Garmin will very happily be in the trunk bag in a zip lock. I don't think enough of my ability to be able to wipe the rain off my glasses, ride the bik and look at the garmin at that same time HI HI.

So far in battery mode the Garmin has run over 5 hours continuous. Since Beth does most of her runs sub 4:30 that should not be an issue. I hope.

The idea is to keep me from getting lost in a strange city (or a familiar one).

Looks like it is time to get the sheet metal and plasma cutter out :-)

Again thanks for the thoughts, Don't go too far away, I will probably have more questions.

Kevin
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1606. Re: RE New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-17 20:54:18 UTC
From: Kevin GIlday
Topic: 1598 Message: 1606

Hi Bruce

At this point I hope I am not out in the rain so much that internal gallon baggies don't work.

I get miserable enough without that thought.

2 weeks on a motorcycle going to Nova Scotia and back to Michigan, with the entire trip in rain gear taught me that I don't like rain.

The panniers will be to hold (at this time) my thermos, a simple (retired paramedic) jump kit and maybe my crossword book.

Got caught in Chicago without a jump kit and don't want to relive that nightmare again. Problem with wearing safety green shirts are that everyone thinks you are a rescuer! Even though the back of the shirt had a real big Miss Geico on the back (Geico Off shore racing).

I agree that the bigger the bag the more stuff. I drive a suburban, want to guess how much "JUNK" is in it?

About the floating - been there done that but not with the bicycle. Dirt bike yes. They don't float BTW. Hi HI

Thanks for the thoughts

Time to figure out what I am going to do.

BTW, the garmin was a suprise chirstmas present, didn't get the chance to pick one out but is is a great one for the car.

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1607. Re: RE New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-17 20:57:27 UTC
From: Kevin GIlday
Topic: 1598 Message: 1607

Scott

Twenty plus years of boat racing and boat racing support (dive medic) not to mention motorcyle touring have taught me the value of a zip lock bag or twelve (hi hi).

They only work however, if you remember to zip the top, Don't ask, it is too ugly to bring up.

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> > systems a lot and never did find a good, secure way of mounting
> them. The
> > garmin you selected would be really nice but I've never seen the
> back of it
> > so I can't help you there. I have, however, mounted things like
my
> 817 in a
> > simple handlebar bag on the handlebars and then used shock cord
to
> keep it
> > secure. My standard "pre flight" before a ride was to pick up
the
> bike and
> > drop it about a foot. If nothing moved, I as good to go.
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> > One last comment about trunk bags. I like them and use one on
> almost every
> > ride but be careful buying a big one. You will end up filling it
> up, no
> > matter how big it is!
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> > My wife also is a runner. However, some of the runs she does
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> > Colorado climb several thousand feet! I tell her she is on her
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> > those.
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> > Good luck and let us know what you come up with.
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1608. Re: RE New Rider looking at gear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-17 21:11:35 UTC
From: Kevin GIlday
Topic: 1598 Message: 1608

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in
> Colorado climb several thousand feet! I tell her she is on her own
on
> those.
>

Beth has gotten into adventure running.

I intend to drive the truck when supporting those. One of her runs
(Dances with Dirt) in Hell, Michigan actually (really) has the runners
going through what is described as a "Bog".

Funny, my survival instructor called something like that QUICKSAND.

Who is more crazy, her or me?

Thanks
Kevin

1609. Newsletter CD mailed to paid BMHA members

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-18 16:00:05 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1609 Message: 1609

As indicated in the BMHA New Directions memo last year, previously paid BMHA members would be mailed a CD containing all past issues of the BMHA Newsletter. This mailing has been completed and previously paid BMHA members since the year 2000 should have received their copy.

If you were a paid member since 2000 and did not receive the CD, please contact me as we know some addresses have changed and we do not have your correct mailing address. For those who have received your CD, please check the mailing label on the mailer and update me with your current email address.

One benefit of being a previously paid member is we will notify you when each new newsletter is published. New dues free members will also be notified. For this benefit you will need to complete the membership on the BMHA web site, www.BMHA-Hams.org

Our thanks to all of the paid membership and we hope you enjoy the newsletter CD.

A special thanks to Skip La Fetra, AA6WK for his efforts in compiling the newsletter CD and making the many copies.

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N for the BMHA Board of Directors

1610. Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-18 18:07:01 UTC
From: m3kwo
Topic: 1610 Message: 1610

Hello Group - I'm trying to mount a Yaesu VX-7R handheld transceiver on to the handlebars of my Moulton AM7 bicycle. The handlebars are forward facing Profile Design Airwings with Dia-Compe barend brake levers. For safety reasons, I will not be transmitting whilst cycling. However, I do require quick access to the rig when stationery. Does anyone know of a handlebar mount that will meet my needs?

Many Thanks & Best Wishes
Tim

1611. Re: Newsletter CD mailed to paid BMHA members

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-18 20:25:08 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1609 Message: 1611

Mike and Skip,

Thanks for the work you have done here. Hartley would be pleased.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1612. Re:Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-19 21:07:27 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1610 Message: 1612

RAM products makes the BC-1 cradle for HTs with belt clips. Always
use a Velcro(tm) strap around the HT and mount for safety's sake.

Look at the photos and part numbers here...

http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford/PhotoAlbum8.html

Clint Bradford, K6LCS / KAF3359
909-241-7666

1613. Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-20 07:29:31 UTC
From: m3kwo
Topic: 1610 Message: 1613

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If anyone else requires a handlebar bicycle mount for a handhand
transceiver, you please check this link. I posted to another Yahoo
Group & Peter Ludwig quickly responded -

http://gadget.brando.com.hk/prod_detail.php?prod_id=00457

Many thanks Peter

PS - I'll post pictures of the mount when it arrives

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> anyone know of a handlebar mount that will meet my needs?
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1614. Re:Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-20 08:34:00 UTC
From: m3kwo
Topic: 1610 Message: 1614

Thanks Clint

I've checked your pictures & your setup looks good. However, I've
just purchased a mount. Hopefully this too will do the job I want.
My only concern is having the PTT triggered accidently. Hopefully
this will not be an issue. But if it is, I'll try packing that side
of the rig with something like cardboard or expanded polystyrene.
I'll post back & let you know how things progress

Best Wishes
Tim

PS ☐ Great pictures by the way!

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1615. Re: [BMHA] Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-20 13:46:42 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1610 Message: 1615

Nice looking mount.

Now... I see you want it for use with a VX-7R. I'll be interested in seeing your pics when you get it mounted. This is because... as I look at this mount... to me it looks like the pieces on the side "might" be close and in the way of the PTT switch (don't want to accidently key the radio) and the DC-in jack (if you want to run it off of an external power source).

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Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

-------Original Message-------

From: m3kwo
Date: 3/20/2008 3:29:38 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Handlebar mount info please...

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1616. Re: [BMHA] Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-20 14:41:46 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1610 Message: 1616

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>
> Many thanks Peter
I purchased a mount just like that to mount my cell phone on my
motorcycle. I found I needed a piece of Velcro on the back of the phone
and the mount to keep the phone in place. Make sure you have a backup
retention mode.
Also you may have to remove a bit of the cushion material from the side
clamps if you have any operation buttons on the side of the radio.
Good luck

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1617. Re: [BMHA] Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-20 16:16:29 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1610 Message: 1617

----- Original Message -----
From: <n1evh

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While this might work it appears to be a less secure way of mounting.

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1618. Re: [BMHA] Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-20 18:36:51 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1610 Message: 1618

Yeah... I was kind of thinking the same thing as I look at this mount and the VX-7R. Also... another one of my concerns would be the DC power jack on the other side of the radio getting blocked by the side holders. I like to power my HTs on the bike from a home-made battery pack in a bag under the bike seat. Right now I have 3 8-cell AA battery holders from Radio Shack and got 24 AA 2700mAh batteries off and put the 8-cell holders in parallel for 9.6v at 8100mAh (might make the battery pack bigger using 4 or 5 battery holders). Its smaller and lighter than a sealed lead acid battery (and the VX-7R puts out 5w at 7.4v)

Still... such a mount might be good for my GPS III+. RAM makes a nice handlebar mount/... but I think the shortest "extension" between the mount's base and the cradle to hold the GPS is 3 inches. Don't need the GPS to be extended from the handlebars by that much.

So... will have to wait for the other person to get this mount... put it ontheir bike... and put the VX-7R into it and see how it looks.

Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

-------Original Message-------

From: Richard Amirault
Date: 3/20/2008 12:29:28 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Handlebar mount info please...

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.519 / Virus Database: 269.21.7/1335 - Release Date: 3/19/2008 9:54 AM

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1619. Re: [BMHA] Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-21 14:47:30 UTC
From: richjkuster@aol.com
Topic: 1610 Message: 1619

Nice photos of the ht mount at
http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford/PhotoAlbum8.html
(http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford/PhotoAlbum8.html)

But, I don't want to sound picky but having the antenna cable hanging out there in space and with a full size bnc connector & cable is going to put a strain on the radio.. serioursly. There's lots of vibration out there on the road and over time something will get compromised. Plus there is plenty of chance to snag it on something which would yank that ht celan out of holder or bust off the connector, either of which would make for a bad radio day.

I'd suggest making a custom cable from bnc to RG316. I've had great luck with the folks at RF Products making custom cable to go from HT I carry in handle bar bag (speaker mike is only part showing) to go to the 1/2 wave (needs no ground plane) 2m/70cm antenna on the rear rack. The 770 antenna has fold over option which comes in handy when in a crowd to reduce the eye poke potential and when transporting the bike.

Example of cable and a 90 degree SO239 mount for antenna
http://www.rfparts.com/diamond/k601m.html (http://www.rfparts.com/diamond/k601m.html)
(disregard the folding mount part)

Example of antenna _http://www.rfparts.com/diamond/nr770ha.html_
(http://www.rfparts.com/diamond/nr770ha.html)

I can send photos on request. Just look my email address up on QRZ

73's de Rich AF1K

**********Create a Home Theater Like the Pros. Watch the video on AOL
Home.
(http://home.aol.com/diy/home-improvement-eric-stromer?video=15?ncid=aolhom00030000000001)

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1620. Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-21 15:43:00 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1610 Message: 1620

My HT is mounted very similarly, albeit with homebrew mount, with the BNC and cable looping pretty much the same way. No issues at all in more than a year with ***Lots*** of vibration. My HT/GPS mounts use a strap of aluminum for the support "arm", which allows the aluminum strap to bobble when encountering "vibration areas" in the road. Looks weird when wobbling but saves the electronics in the long run. If we have a "close encounter" that endangers the HT and the coax, the electronics in front of the handlebar will be the least of our problems.
Jim W5AOX/2-wheel mobile http://aprs.fi/?call=w5aox-4&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800

http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/W5AOX%20APRS%20BikeMobile.html

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1621. Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-21 18:16:09 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1610 Message: 1621

>>... full size bnc connector & cable is going to put a
> strain on the radio.. seriously.

Look more closely. That's the Stephen Gulyas SMA-to-BNC adapter. NO STRESS is being placed on my SMA. It is very stable and secure.

Clint Bradford

1622. Re:Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-26 11:59:50 UTC
From: George
Topic: 1610 Message: 1622

I used a thin foam pad (free from some packing material) and a velcro wrist watch band to hold my HT securely to the handlebar.

I clip the speaker-mic to my collar were it is easy to use while riding if the trail is not too rough. Most of my riding is on bicycle paths or gentle back-country trails not the extreme stuff.

I tried a VOX and earphone, but prefer the speaker-mic

http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/browse/608f

George VY1GP
http://www.qrz.com/callsign/VY1GP

1623. CQ magazine

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-26 19:54:15 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1623 Message: 1623

Great article. Can't wait to see what part 2 covers.
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1624. Re: CQ magazine

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-26 21:26:31 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1623 Message: 1624

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1625. Re: [BMHA] Re: CQ magazine

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-26 21:59:24 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1623 Message: 1625

jimdevenport wrote:
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As per the subject, CQ Magazine - Page 68 "Rolling With The Bike Mobiles"
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1626. Re: [BMHA] Re: CQ magazine

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-26 22:51:33 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1623 Message: 1626

Some of us do not get CQ could you briefly summerize? Appreciated thanks
73 Johnny

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1627. Re: [BMHA] Re: CQ magazine

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-26 23:20:09 UTC
From: Sharp Bill
Topic: 1623 Message: 1627

I think it's the one with the little guy from Houston on the cover,

if that helps at all.

Bill
w8hi

On Mar 26, 2008, at 5:51 PM, Fr. Johnny wrote:

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1628. Re: [BMHA] Re: CQ magazine

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-27 00:34:32 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1623 Message: 1628

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1629. April 2008 CQ Article

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-27 02:11:38 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1629 Message: 1629

Here is a link to the CQ April Issue showing the front page and contents page from that issue:

http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/Apr08Highlights.html

If you click on the contents page you can view it and expand it for viewing. At the top left of the page you can see a picture of my tricycle which is also in the article. I can't show the actual article as it is copyrighted but for those that do get CQ, the actual article features Budd, W3FF and Wes, AC5K. There is also a nice write-up about BMHA along with a picture of my setup from field day last year. The author, Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, is a longtime supporter of BMHA and has given up some great publicity and has featured Bicycle Mobile in a very positive light. My hat's off to Dave, great job.

Mike, NF0N

1630. Re: Handlebar mount info please...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-27 11:13:30 UTC
From: m3kwo
Topic: 1610 Message: 1630

My radio mount arrived yesterday morning after only seven days! Not a bad delivery time from Hong Kong to UK! Total cost to me was 13USD (approx £6.50) Unfortunately as it was raining here yesterday, I wasn't able to properly test the mount. However, I suspect it will require an additional velcro strap to avoid radio damage. For now, what I've done is mount my Yaesu VX-7R in two different places on my AM7 - I prefer the frame mount. What do you think?

Best Wishes

PS - Pictures posted in m3kwo Picture Folder

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "m3kwo" <m3kwo@...> wrote:
>
> Hello Group - I'm trying to mount a Yaesu VX-7R handheld transceiver
> on to the handlebars of my Moulton AM7 bicycle. The handlebars are
> forward facing Profile Design Airwings with Dia-Compe barend brake
> levers. For safety reasons, I will not be transmitting whilst cycling.
> However, I do require quick access to the rig when stationery. Does
> anyone know of a handlebar mount that will meet my needs?
>
> Many Thanks & Best Wishes
> Tim
>

1631. Re: April 2008 CQ Article

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-28 02:26:28 UTC
From: Elroy W. Shelley, Jr.
Topic: 1629 Message: 1631

Congratulations, Mike!

The tricycle picture looks great! I'm going to have to stop over at
Amateur Electronic Supply in Milwaukee soon, and get me a copy...

Hope to catch ya' around the bands someday like we used to back in
the early 90's!

Elroy, WB9GIE
Brookfield, Wisconsin

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1632. Re: April 2008 CQ Article

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-28 03:52:50 UTC
From: Rev. Father Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 1629 Message: 1632

Thank you mike congrats nice picture! 73 Johnny

--- In BMHA@...m, "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...> wrote:
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1633. Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-28 18:22:33 UTC
From: kc9cik
Topic: 1633 Message: 1633

Does anyone currently use a Kenwood D-700 for bike mobile?
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1634. Re: Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-28 20:28:45 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1633 Message: 1634

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "kc9cik" <wlc4037@...> wrote:
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My D-700 is a marvelous radio, but I foresee a few show stoppers for using it on my bicycle in place of the TH-D7 currently running there:

-Size and weight of the radio
-Power drain of the D-700: More than half an amp on receive
-Weight of battery required to run it: See above

I find that my Magellan Meridian Gold GPS runs for several days on its own internal AA X 2 batteries, and only recently discovered it works quite well with Nicads, which really lowers the cost factor for batteries.
The Kenwood TH-D7 isn't much for a dual band HT, but it works very well for me as an APRS bike-mobile. On the internal battery, running in single band mode on APRS, it will last about a week of daily commuting, even set to high power.
The antenna, as always, is the limiting factor for a bicycle-mobile. I've used rubber ducks and full 1/4 wave "stingers" without ground plane (It's a bike, and if the antenna is mounted somewhere close to "Ground", it has to radiate mostly into my back or belly, and there's just not much ground there anyway, even at VHF). Very seldom does the duck or 1/4 wave antenna result in a successful APRS transmission.
Thus I find that homebrew J poles work the best for me. No ground plane required for good performance, they are tall and visual eye-catchers so they both help motorists to spot and avoid you as well as radiate about as well as possible from a bicycle.
A pictorial description of my homemade J poles:
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg

1635. Re: Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-28 20:51:37 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1633 Message: 1635

I think you can shut down the display and turn a D700 into a barebones rig if that's all you have to put on your bike. Then it won't be a power hog.

I've used a TinyTrak3 and an ancient Radio Shack 2m HT on a motorcycle with a homebrew J-pole for about three years. That radio only sends five-watts to the coax. But I've run out across West Texas from Dallas on US 380 and crossed New Mexico and into Arizona, up to Grand Canyon and back into Las Vegas, New Mexico. You'd be surprised where that small signal fines gateways.

Rechargable batteries will give something less than 12 volts. D dry cells don't cost that much and they'll give you full power on an HT.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1636. [BMHA] Re: Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-28 23:34:55 UTC
From: William Carroll
Topic: 1633 Message: 1636

Thanks for the antenna info and drawing.

I am not too worried about the weight of the rig and batteries at this point. If I want to trim weight it should come off my fat backside first....
>>> "jimdevenport" <w5aox@...> 3/28/2008 3:28 PM >>>
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1637. Re: Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-29 04:43:44 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1633 Message: 1637

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I put together a bike mobile setup using a D-700 2 years ago, mostly because I live in a sparsely populated area and thought the higher power would make a difference. I put a few pictures up in the BMHA site in the photos section.

While it worked, I became worried about the weather, since it is in no way waterproof. I don't know of any way to use the radio "headless," and the whole point for me was to utilize the display while moving anyway. If you want to just use it as a beacon, there are much cheaper, better solutions available. Battery life was bad. I used a 7Ah gell cell, which didn't last as long as I'd hope. There isn't much you can do to lower the power consumption (like turning off the backlight) either, I'm sure because it was designed to be used in a car.

In the end I got much better performance overall by leaving the D700 in the car on digipeater mode and using the D7 with the 1/2 wave antenna (it took up a lot less space in the trunk, too). If you really want/need more power, I would investigate using the Yaesu FTM-10R and a Tiny/open tracker.

Eric
N3KQX

1638. Re: Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-29 14:06:24 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1633 Message: 1638

Erie,

Sound advice

72 de Scott/n7net

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> Eric
> N3KQX
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1639. Re: Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-29 23:20:50 UTC
From: George
Topic: 1633 Message: 1639

It sounds like you have a spare D-700.

If you just want a beacon, however, Byonics makes a nice lightweight
portable APRS beacon, Micro-Trak 8000

http://www.byonics.com/microtrak/mt8000.php

Micro-Trak 8000 is available on either 144.390 MHz or 144.800 MHz,
transmits up to 8 watts

* No need to tie up an expensive radio for APRS tracking
* No complicated radio cabling
* Simple 2 wire GPS connection

Micro-Trak 8000 is a transmitter only. It does not receive radio signals

George

1640. Re: [BMHA] Re: Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-30 17:32:49 UTC
From: Bill Vodall WA7NWP
Topic: 1633 Message: 1640

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There are few instances when a transmit only unit is "good amateur practice.." Even fewer when using 8 watts.. The Trackers with a real transmit and RECEIVE functionality are a much better idea.

Personally I can't imagine serious BMHA activity without a D7.

73
Bill - WA7NWP

1641. Re: Kenwood D-700

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-30 19:45:00 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1633 Message: 1641

The Bayonics and Opentrackers both listen for activity, but cannot decode packet. As ususal, if you have your squelch set too high, this can cause "bad amateur practice" but in reality, I found the Tiny Track III to be a little more sensitive than necessary.

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1642. 20M unusable today 7.280?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-30 20:00:11 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1642 Message: 1642

Well, looks like the cq'er contest'ers are hot and heavy on 20M today.
Listened and called CQ on 7.280 for a few min just before 3PM CDT,
20z, and didn't hear anyone.
Got to hit the showers and get ready for a 12 hour shift at the plant.

Maybe next week there won't be so much stuff going on 20M and we can
get a few QSO's going.

I hope in 3-4 weeks it will be warm enough that I can be on the bike
trail on 20M... will have to see what happens with the weather!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

1643. Re: [BMHA] 20M unusable today 7.280?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-03-31 00:01:24 UTC
From: Denny Voorhees
Topic: 1642 Message: 1643

Yeh, I was looking for you on 20 and 40, but ended up working a dozen or so in the contest. The new 857d works pretty good. After years on 5 watts or less it's kinda refreshing to get answered on the first call. 17 meters wasn't bad this afternoon, it seems to be propagating well around that time in the afternoon.
I'll likely be looking for someone on 20 next week .
Right after pulling the big switch on the radio, I went out for a bike ride. The weather wasn't optimal, but good enough.
Denny AD3O
----- Original Message -----
From: vhuntertdi
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2008 4:00 PM
Subject: [BMHA] 20M unusable today 7.280?

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1644. Old ham - new bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-02 18:44:35 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1644 Message: 1644

Hi all,
I've been a ham since '91and have been operating base, mobile, and portable for most of that time. I'm going to attempt a return to bicycling after a 25 year hiatus, and with it of course will go ham radio. I'm used to compromise operating especially with regard to antennas, so HF bicycle ops will probably be similar.
I'm looking forward to learning from those of you with experiences to share.

Joe N1KHB

**********Planning your summer road trip? Check out AOL Travel Guides. (http://travel.aol.com/travel-guide/united-states?ncid=aoltrv00030000000016)

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1645. Re: Old ham - new bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-02 21:29:26 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1644 Message: 1645

Joe,

Welcome. It seems like you have it right--an old ham on a new bike
is better than a new ham on an old bike.

There's a host of knowledge here. Some of these folks will knock
your socks off with what they can do with a fistful of AAs and bike.

Press on.

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1646. Re: [BMHA] Re: Old ham - new bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-02 22:12:50 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1644 Message: 1646

Joe welcome good to hear your back into biking - I am in process of pulling my bikes out of storage here in Cortez, Colorado now that the sun is peaking out of the clouds more often. Last 2 years with 3 heart attacks, newly developed high blood pressure and diabetes I could not ride more than several blocks without being wiped out and missed the riding severely so. This year I am pulling my 2 road bikes and my recumbent out and am going to ride (though easily) regardless! Of course I will have my ham rigs and cell phone with me so am feeling pretty confident I am going to have a nice year of riding. Hope you have the same 73 Johnny KD5LWU

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1647. Re: [BMHA] Re: Old ham - new bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-02 22:29:48 UTC
From: mike Kana
Topic: 1644 Message: 1647

Greetings all

I have just joined the list as well and am looking
for input on incorporating (most likely) an FT817
on my tadpole recumbent trike. This is similar
to the one I saw in the most recent CQ. Behind
the seat is the obvious place to hide the rig,
battery, etc and afix the antenna to the seat
frame. To get started quickly, I might integrate
my ht somewhere on the frame for now and run
a small antenna off the seat but in the long run
there will be more substantial hardware.

73 de AA9IL
Mike

1648. Re: Old ham - new bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 00:01:44 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1644 Message: 1648

Hi Mike,

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1649. Body-Mounted Radios (was: Old Ham, New Bike)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 15:09:54 UTC
From: Alan Dove
Topic: 1649 Message: 1649

Hey, folks:

Attaching the radio to your body has a lot of advantages - and some disadvantages. For public service events in the NYC area, which was the context of most of my hamming until a couple of years ago, a body-mounted rig is the only way to go. Besides reducing the risk of theft dramatically, it also ensures that you always have your radio with you. It's also very easy to implement, especially for HTs or a tiny rig like the '817, where you can attach a small antenna directly. If you're not sure whether you want to operate bicycle mobile, this is a good way to test the waters.

Having said all that, a bike-mounted radio is definitely in my plans for this Spring. The antenna can be much bigger and better, external batteries become practical, and it takes the weight off me and puts it on the bike, which I like. I'm still a bit worried about theft, as I use my bicycles for practical transportation rather than pure recreation. If anyone has suggestions on reducing that risk when I park and lock the bike, I'd love to hear them - removable remote heads are a possibility, but some hard-to-hack attachment between radio and bike would be even better.

Finally, I can say from unfortunate experience that you should not, under any circumstances, try to combine these two approaches, i.e. mount part of the radio system on the bike and the rest on your body. I once plugged my belt-clipped HT into a small mobile whip on my bike rack, and everyone at the event I was working agreed that my signal sounded great. That is, until I got off the bike to deliver a message to the event organizer, and ripped the connector right out of the radio.

--
Alan Dove, Ph.D.
http://dovdox.com/

----- Original Message ----
From: Scott Laughlin <n7net@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2008 8:01:44 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Old ham - new bike

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1650. Re: Body-Mounted Radios (was: Old Ham, New Bike)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 15:28:19 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1649 Message: 1650

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Alan Dove <alandove@...> wrote:
>
> Finally, I can say from unfortunate experience that you should not, under any circumstances, try to combine these two approaches, i.e. mount part of the radio system on the bike and the rest on your body.
j

I disagree -- but you must PLAN the tear-away or disconnection points.

My most important example is the microphone/earpiece (intra-aural, all is in my ear) which is very carefully strapped to my helmet straps and is ALSO very carefully planned to be fragile enough that if it drops into my front wheel the cable will be "toast" and I won't be !

Plan for things to snag at the worst possible time. Designing the right disconnects can literally save your life. I don't like "plug" disconnects (a magnetic latch similar to recent Apple laptops might be an exception) -- instead I choose a very fragile "sacrifical" cord which I know will break and tear away under an acceptable strain.

Cheers,
- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1651. Re: [BMHA] Body-Mounted Radios (was: Old Ham, New Bike)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 15:30:16 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1649 Message: 1651

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan Dove"
(snip)
> Finally, I can say from unfortunate experience that you should not, under
> any circumstances, try to combine these two approaches, i.e. mount part of
> the radio system on the bike and the rest on your body. I once plugged my
> belt-clipped HT into a small mobile whip on my bike rack, and everyone at
> the event I was working agreed that my signal sounded great. That is,
> until I got off the bike to deliver a message to the event organizer, and
> ripped the connector right out of the radio.
(snip)

I disagree .. that the *only* way I've ever operated. Radio on my belt, and
the antenna on the bike.

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1652. Re: [BMHA] Body-Mounted Radios (was: Old Ham, New Bike)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 19:37:07 UTC
From: Alan Dove
Topic: 1649 Message: 1652

Hey, folks:

I take your point about designing a breakaway system, and perhaps I worded my warning a bit too strongly. Maybe it would be better to say that one shouldn't split the system into bike-mounted and body-mounted parts without giving serious thought to how the components will separate - whether by accident or absent-mindedness. Also, any "breakaway" system that relies on a weak cord will still involve breaking something, which then has to be fixed.

--
Alan Dove, Ph.D.
http://dovdox.com/

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1653. Re: [BMHA] Body-Mounted Radios (was: Old Ham, New Bike)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 20:04:02 UTC
From: mike Kana
Topic: 1649 Message: 1653

Greetings all

Here is one thought at least for HT's especially
those with sma connectors is to use a pigtail
connector with a press on smb or smc connector.
Ive seen these connectors more especially at
ham fests. One additional bit of 'insurance'
would be to put some heat shrink on the connector
cable interface for a bit of reinforcement.

73 de AA9IL
Mike

1654. Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 21:15:58 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 1654 Message: 1654

I'm a cylclist. I'm a ham. I love both. But...when I'm cycling, I tend to either ride flat and flat-out, or I'm doing hills. I can't imagine huffing and puffing and carrying on a QSO...I surely could not pay proper attention to the QSO and traffic.

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Dave W8NF
Hillsboro, OR

1655. Bike setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 20:45:01 UTC
From: Kelly Gray
Topic: 1655 Message: 1655

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Kelly Gray
VE3VGP

1656. Re: Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 21:54:33 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1654 Message: 1656

Hi Dave,

Some folks multitask better than others. Women mulitask better than men do. You may need to slow down so you can stay safe and still have fun.

72 de Scott/n7net

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> Dave W8NF
> Hillsboro, OR
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1657. Re: Bike setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 22:26:32 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1655 Message: 1657

Awful things can happen with a VOX. And nothing can be done to change what has occurred.

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> VE3VGP
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1658. RE: [BMHA] Re: Bike setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 22:44:50 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 1655 Message: 1658

And I had a drunk girl hit me while I was riding my bike. Fortunately she only clipped me with her mirror, but I'm sure I made up a few new words to describe her! As far as I know, either nobody else heard me on the radio, or they were polite enough to pretend they didn't! In any case, don't do VOX. Besides, it's either too sensitive and wind noise or passing vehicles trigger it, or it's so insensitive that you have to yell to get it to trigger. Just doesn't work all that well on a bike.

Jack KE4LWT

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Scott Laughlin
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 5:27 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Bike setup

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1659. Re: Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 23:24:12 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1654 Message: 1659

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Dave" <emailw8nf@...> wrote:

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I've done a few "quick exchanges" while in motion bike-mobile, 2 meters and 440. I find it's not worth the trouble to try to do more than "Hi, I'm on the bike, BYE" type of "QSO" just for bragging rights. If I was on some imaginary highway, lots of room all around, no pedestrians or other bikes or vehicles around me for a long distance, I might get more interested. I normally find myself "Too Busy" while in motion, sucking air and watching and dodging surrounding traffic. I enjoy monitoring (I frequent a local 440 remote base that allows monitoring or working frequency agile 2 meters or HF all-mode via the 440 side of the TH-D7) and, if something comes through the earpiece that interests me sufficiently, why, I pull over, take a break, and chat a while. Mostly I just listen while I ride.....
Jim W5AOX

1660. Re: Bike setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 23:30:26 UTC
From: tomcema
Topic: 1655 Message: 1660

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Kelly Gray <ve3vgp@...> wrote:
>Kelly,

I am very interested in hearing more about your set up. I have and am planning on using the exact same arrangement. Most importantly, I am wondering about your RAM mounting system. I looked there as well for something and then looked again after reading your posting. However I did not find anything that appeared suitable for mounting on my handle bars. Could you please send me a description, product number, web link or something as a reference to what you have found useful?

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Thanks for your help,

~Tom
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1661. Re: Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 23:36:48 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1654 Message: 1661

A tandem works even better. The person behind is the stoker/radio
operator.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "jimdevenport" <w5aox@...> wrote:
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1662. RE: [BMHA] Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 23:45:45 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 1654 Message: 1662

Howdy Dave,

I've been playing bike mobile for the last five years and "flat out" and "bike mobile" are mutually exclusive.

Pretty much depends where your heart rate is. My average for a ride of 2 hours or so is around 130-135. For me that's a work out in training range - for others it's not even a good warm up.

I've been sliding down the scale of bikes over the last 25 years; from Cannondale SR500 racing bike to a Miyata road bike, to a Trek 830 mountain bike and finally - oh the shame of it all - a Cannondale comfort bike. I try to bury the description when people ask by saying it's a city bike or hybrid bike - but it's a comfort bike.

I've operated CW from both the Trek and the Cannondale and have even done Field Day on CW on both. Obviously I don't go very fast and I try to stay out of traffic.

When you get old an febrile bike mobile on HF will suddenly sound like a good idea. So a Comfort Bike.

73,

Ron W9XS

Ron Baran DDS, MBA, MA

Schaumburg, IL

947-895-8444

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To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: emailw8nf@...
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 21:15:58 +0000
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1663. Re: Bike setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 23:49:55 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1655 Message: 1663

See if this will work for you...

http://www.niftyaccessories.com/Radio_Harness.htm

72 de Scott/n7net

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1664. Re: [BMHA] Re: Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-04 00:17:22 UTC
From: Sharp Bill
Topic: 1654 Message: 1664

Uh, perhaps I've missed something but I think multi-tasking was
pretty much debunked about 5 years ago as being a pretty goofy notion.

Specifically, as it was written up in several medical journals, it's
impossible.

As far as slowing down, cheez.

Get out there and beat yourself up !

If you'd like, see:

http://www.gobahams.org/BikeMobile.htm

and click on "How to Wire a Bike for Ham Radio."

Go all out.

Ride and play radio !

You only live once.

Ignore anyone who suggests you slow down.

Oh, perhaps you'd like to join us for a week.

Best,

Bill
w8hi
Ass't Communications Director
GOBA

On Apr 3, 2008, at 4:54 PM, Scott Laughlin wrote:

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1665. Re: Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-04 01:02:01 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1654 Message: 1665

Bill,

Keep reading those medical journals. I think you have missed
something.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Sharp Bill <GOBA@...> wrote:
>
> Uh, perhaps I've missed something but I think multi-tasking was
> pretty much debunked about 5 years ago as being a pretty goofy
notion.
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> Specifically, as it was written up in several medical journals,
it's
> impossible.
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> As far as slowing down, cheez.
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> Get out there and beat yourself up !
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> If you'd like, see:
>
> http://www.gobahams.org/BikeMobile.htm
>
> and click on "How to Wire a Bike for Ham Radio."
>
> Go all out.
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> Ride and play radio !
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> You only live once.
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> Ignore anyone who suggests you slow down.
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> Oh, perhaps you'd like to join us for a week.
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> Best,
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> Bill
> w8hi
> Ass't Communications Director
> GOBA
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> On Apr 3, 2008, at 4:54 PM, Scott Laughlin wrote:
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> > Hi Dave,
> >
> > Some folks multitask better than others. Women mulitask better
than
> > men do. You may need to slow down so you can stay safe and still
> > have fun.
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> > 72 de Scott/n7net
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> > --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Dave" <emailw8nf@> wrote:
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> > > I'm a cylclist. I'm a ham. I love both. But...when I'm cycling,
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> > > tend to either ride flat and flat-out, or I'm doing hills. I
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> > > imagine huffing and puffing and carrying on a QSO...I surely
could
> > not
> > > pay proper attention to the QSO and traffic.
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> > > I've done CW while mobile...but wondering just how well this
works
> > > bicycle mobile? Do you end up slowing down and doing the cycling
> > at a
> > > much more liesurely pace than normal, so you can concentrate on
the
> > > QSO, or do you cycle as normal, and only do "lightweight" QSOs?
> > >
> > > I'm not much of an FM/repeater guy, although my last bike
mobile was
> > > exactly that. A public service event: a half-Marathon walk for
> > > cancer, and they used two ham cyclists to ride from front to
back of
> > > the walker pack several times, looking for people who were
getting
> > in
> > > trouble. But that was a super-flat path along a creek and
because
> > of

> > > the pedestrian traffic, the cycling speed was quite slow - I
put in
> > > perhaps 90 miles in the ten hours I was active, which on flat
land
> > is
> > > just a stroll in the park.
> > >
> > > I've got an '817, that plus some telescoping poles allows me to
go
> > > portable, which I've done. But I did that by cycling up to a
> > > ridgetop, then deploying radio and antenna - not actually
operating
> > > while in motion.
> > >
> > > I'd be curious to hear about riding/QSO techniques for CW
bicycle
> > mobile.
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> > > Dave W8NF
> > > Hillsboro, OR
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1666. Re: [BMHA] Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-04 02:08:50 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1654 Message: 1666

When cycling, if left to my own devices with no other distractions, I also tend to wind up maxing out. But if I'm riding by myself, and listening to the radio, I will just slow down some if I want to make quick comments. I seldom find I can reasonably hold a conversation while still riding though, unless it happens to be with the wind and/or downhill. Otherwise there's too much "huffing" as I breathe. I'll only subject people I know well to that! :)

If I want to actually get into a conversation and I can't cruise slowly, I'll just stop and take a break while chatting.

I spend most of my radio time listening anyway, and that applies to the bike as well. I don't usually have to fight much traffic or pedestrians where / when I ride, so the radio helps give me something to do besides look at the same cows and horses I saw last time I went that way... :p

I have forgotten enough CW since I last messed with it 15 years ago that I couldn't have any sort of CW QSO right now, but I'm tempted to brush back up on it and try it mobile. It would sure be a lot easier to get a key to work on the bike than find a mic that handles wind noise well! Not to mention getting farther at low power.

Joe / N5USR

1667. Re: Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-04 03:48:19 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 1654 Message: 1667

I did CW while vehicular mobile. But I'd never make the attempt if traffic were other than super-light. I did my CW mobile only on the interstate, with good WX and smooth traffic flow. One of the more interesting ones was when I drove down I-5 from the bay area to L.A. and one of my QSOs was with a ham in Seattle...who used to cruise that trip a couple times a week. He'd ask me which exit I was near and then ask "Is that trinket store still just off the exit?" It was an interesting journey.

I don't know how multi-tasking is officially designed. We've all heard legends of the guy who could send CW at different speeds with each hand and carry on a conversation in person at the same time. I can make no such claims. However, when I'm typing a document, I tend to form the whole idea of a paragraph in my head before I start to type - then the whole paragraph flows at once, reasonably well-formed and even spelled right. When I'm in that state of typing, I can indeed, carry on a conversation with someone else in the room. People tell me is really quite distressing, to be obviously having a conversation with me, while my fingers (which I'm not looking at) seem to be typing away on their own without my attention or even awareness.

I did not find biking and 2FM a challenge - however, it was surely a flat ride, and the paved path allowed only cyclists and walkers.

My "neighborhood ride" is on country roads - no shoulders at all, 55MPH speed limits, and no matter which direction I go, there's a 500 foot climb in only a few miles.

I expect I would not be able to carry on a QSO while bicycle mobile. In fact, when I think about it, I have a hard time chatting with a fellow cyclist while we're riding together.

So, I suppose what I do now is what I will continue to do...use the bicycle as transportation to take me to a portable spot.

Dave W8NF

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1668. Re: [BMHA] Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-04 04:12:29 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1654 Message: 1668

Dave wrote:
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> tend to either ride flat and flat-out, or I'm doing hills. I can't
> imagine huffing and puffing and carrying on a QSO...I surely could not
> pay proper attention to the QSO and traffic.

I ride with the D7 as described in the current newsletter. I do long conversations while riding through the local repeaters. I've never tried HF as I would need to lose the 30-60 pounds I'm overweight to allow carrying a decent battery. We nuts who never ride bigger than a 700-23 have to be careful. An over the ear bud with boom mike and the push to talk Velcroed to the top of the handlebar within thumb reach of the break lever lets me control the bike.
I've been riding since the early 70's and rode in DC, New Orleans and Panama (Canal Zone and country). Now riding in central Illinois makes it seem like I am in the middle of nowhere. I'd sure have a bit more trouble in Chicago I guess but I think I would still be on the air.
Many years ago I ran a CB on my bike while commuting in DC.
My handle is Panama Pedaler. Coast to coast in 4 hours!

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 63,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 65,000 miles
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- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1669. Re: Bike setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-03 23:56:31 UTC
From: tomcema
Topic: 1655 Message: 1669

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Scott Laughlin" <n7net@...> wrote:
>Thanks, but I am really looking for something that would not be attached to my sweaty body. However, it is a great idea for a friend of mine! Thanks...
73's KC8NJK
> See if this will work for you...
>
> http://www.niftyaccessories.com/Radio_Harness.htm
>
> 72 de Scott/n7net
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "tomcema" <tom@> wrote:
> >
> > --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Kelly Gray <ve3vgp@> wrote:
> > >Kelly,
> >
> > I am very interested in hearing more about your set up. I have and
> am planning on using
> > the exact same arrangement. Most importantly, I am wondering about
> your RAM
> > mounting system. I looked there as well for something and then
> looked again after
> > reading your posting. However I did not find anything that
> appeared suitable for
> > mounting on my handle bars. Could you please send me a
> description, product number,
> > web link or something as a reference to what you have found
> useful?
> >
> > I have been reluctant to mount my Th-D7 to my handle bars because
> of the jarring that
> > takes place when I hit even small bumps. I am guessing you do not
> find that to be a
> > problem?
> >
> > Thanks for your help,
> >
> > ~Tom
> > KC8NJK
>

1670. RE: [BMHA] Bike setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-04 18:50:59 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1655 Message: 1670

Kelly,

What do you get for battery life. That is the setup that I am considering when I do the circle tour around Lake Superior this summer in July. Also do you know if the Garmin Bike 205/305/705 series GPS has the needed output to use for the D7 setup??

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-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Kelly Gray
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 3:45 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Bike setup

Hi everyone,
I just thought I'd jump in with my bike setup. The radio is a Kenwood TH-D7 dual band with TNC. It's mounted on the right handlebar with a mount from RAM mounts. Balancing it on the left handlebar is a GPS unit that provides navigation as well as location information for the APRS beacon. Power is supplied by a 7AH gell cell in the handlebar bag.

.....snip.....

1671. re: Bike Setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-04 22:47:05 UTC
From: Kelly Gray
Topic: 1671 Message: 1671

Hi all,
The mount I'm using for my Th-D7 is the RAM mount here:
http://asp.ram-mount.com/rammount/productdetail.aspx?partnumber=RAM-HOL-KE1U
I took a length of aluminium flat stock, drilled and tapped a couple of holes in it, and bolted it to the mount with the bolt heads on the inside of the mount. I then used a scrap piece of inner tube and a hose clamp to anchor the aluminium to the handlebar. It's survived hundreds of miles of cycling with only minor slipping, and no damage to the radio. This is on everything from city streets to gravel bicycle paths.

I used to use an SMA to BNC adaptor on the radio to connect the RG-58 feedline. I wasn't all that happy about the weight of the cable and the leverage of the adaptor all on that tiny SMA connector. This year I've replaced the feedline with RG-174 with an SMA connector. I'll have to see how that affects the effective range, but I doubt it will change much.

I'm not entirely sure what the battery life is like, I've never managed to run the battery down. It has lasted through two consecutive eight hour days without a recharge, but I have no idea how much longer it might have gone. My habit is to put the battery on the charger as soon as I get home.

To use a GPS with the Kenwood radio, it need to be able to output NEMA sentences at a speed of 4800 BPS. If your GPS supports it, there should be a section in the manual on how to use it.

Kelly Gray
VE3VGP

1672. Lightfoot recumbent cycles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-06 20:00:30 UTC
From: Don
Topic: 1672 Message: 1672

Hello,

I am considering purchasing the greenway 3 wheel recumbent

I know that Budd W3FF has one.

I was wondering if anyone else has had any experience with this company.

Don NE1NH

1673. Re: Q about operation while in motion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-07 17:58:44 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1654 Message: 1673

My riding group are all on recumbent bikes, two and three wheel. We all are set up for 440 with extenal antennas to improve range.

However, one of my buddies also operates 40M CW bike mobile. He rides a 3 wheel delta trike (1 wheel front, two wheel back) and has mounted a key on his steering tube. We can tell when he is in QSO bacause he does slow down some. One advantage to working CW is you aren't huffing and puffing into a mike...

We normally run neighborhood streets and subdivisions with light traffic. Additionally we are FOG's (Fat Old Guys) and are not out to break any speed records, just ride and have a good time. But it is interesting to see some pedestrian reactions when this strange bike passes with a repeater antenna, a 40M antenna, and his bike flag.

John

1674. Re: Lightfoot recumbent cycles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-07 18:32:52 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1672 Message: 1674

I don't know anything about the company per say, but I found this quote "Greenway standard-build weight is usually around 56 pounds" in their website.

Considering the price quoted, there are several delta style trikes from quality manufacturers that won't be that heavy. If you have any hills to do, that weight could get you.

In that price range you might want to look at the Greenspeec Aunora, or possibly the HASE (but I don't remember that price). If you have some need for custom modifications (one handed operations, etc.) then the Lightfoot might be the right place.

Best of all, find a dealer(s) with stock (all brands), take a road trip and try them. The cost of the trip is pretty small compared to the purchase price. Besides, that's part of the fun....

John
Greenspeed GT3

1675. Re: Lightfoot recumbent cycles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-07 19:21:31 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1672 Message: 1675

Don,

I've seen these bikes at Richardson's Bike Mart in Richardson,
Texas. I've never owned one, but I wouldn't be afraid to buy one.

Scott

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1676. Bike maintenance books

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-08 18:03:46 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1676 Message: 1676

Hi all,
Can any of you recommend one or two book titles for bicycle maintenance?
The basics are fine. I don't expect to be rebuilding derailleurs.

Joe N1KHB

**********Planning your summer road trip? Check out AOL Travel Guides.
(http://travel.aol.com/travel-guide/united-states?ncid=aoltrv00030000000016)

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1677. Re: [BMHA] Bike maintenance books

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-08 18:30:43 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 1676 Message: 1677

I really like The Bicycling Guide to Complete Bicycle Maintenance and Repair. It has step by step instructions with pictures to help you see what the teat is talking about. I do most of my own maintenance and repair and this has been a great book.

Kelly Bersch

----- Original Message -----
From: <N1KHB@...>
To: <bmha@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 11:03 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Bike maintenance books

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Joe N1KHB

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1678. Re: [BMHA] Bike maintenance books

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-08 18:34:33 UTC
From: Denny Voorhees
Topic: 1676 Message: 1678

A book is nice, but if you want a pretty good website for bike mechanicals here's the one I always recommend
www.sheldonbrown.com
Sheldon passed away a couple months ago, but his legacy lives on.
Denny AD3O
----- Original Message -----
From: N1KHB@...
To: bmha@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 2:03 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Bike maintenance books

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1679. Re: Bike maintenance books

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-08 18:41:05 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1676 Message: 1679

Joe,

Bicycle Repair Manual by Chris Sidwells is a concise book that has most of the basics along with pictures of almost everything. Here is the Amazon link:

http://www.amazon.com/Bicycle-Repair-Manual-Chris-Sidwells/dp/0756602955/ref=pd_bbs_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1207679280&sr=1-2

I see it is out of stock temporarily which must mean it's popular. Cost is about $15.

Mike, NF0N

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1680. Re: [BMHA] Bike maintenance books

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-08 19:31:56 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1676 Message: 1680

Sorry to hear about Sheldon passing he was a great guy and a real
bicycle enthusiasts and he has a great site. I hope his web site will
be preserved for future bikers! 73 Fr. johnny KD5LWU

Denny Voorhees wrote:
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1681. Re: [BMHA] Bike maintenance books

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-08 19:37:59 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 1676 Message: 1681

I agree. While I do use my book a lot sheldonbrown.com is one of the laces I go for clarification. It's a great resource. Sheldon will be missed.

Kelly

----- Original Message -----
From: "Denny Voorhees" <dvoorhees@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 11:34 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Bike maintenance books

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1682. Re: [BMHA] Bike maintenance books

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-09 00:29:58 UTC
From: Denny Voorhees
Topic: 1676 Message: 1682

Yeh, he passed suddenly. His health had been deteriorating. He had been battling MS for a couple years. I had the opportunity to spend some time with him on a couple of occasions. While not a ham he had a great appreciation for technical things. He had a great ability to explain bicycle things simply and entertainingly. I wish I could write half as well as he could.
His website will continue. His main employer Harris Cycling has said it will continue. Which is a good Idea since Sheldons website has much to do with this shops success I recon.
73
Denny AD3O
----- Original Message -----
From: Fr. Johnny
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1683. Re: Bike maintenance books

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-09 01:37:00 UTC
From: Dave Long
Topic: 1676 Message: 1683

I'm a fan of "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance". Oops, that's
the
wrong kind of cycle.

Dave
Nd4su

> 1a. Bike maintenance books

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> maintenance?
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1684. Interesting letter to the editor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-09 05:30:16 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1684 Message: 1684

The Chicago Tribune published the following letter to the editor on April 8:

Mutual Respect, Mutual Safety

Before the bicycling season gets really rolling, it?s time to pedal a healthy dose of perspective.

The millions of Illinois drivers who willingly share the road with bicyclists should be applauded. They safely pass bicyclists on the road with three feet or more of space, which is now the law. They show the utmost respect, follow all the traffic laws and yield the right of way.

Many drivers show their support by smiling and waving as they drive by. They help to make bicycling safe and fun for us all and provide encouragement for others to take up bicycling as well.

These drivers don?t think it necessary to honk their horns, shout ?get off the road,? shake their fists or drive perilously close to bicyclists to intimidate them. They know this behavior can lead to road rage, crashes, injuries or even deaths. Some drivers try to justify their aggressive actions by pointing out that bicyclists flaunt traffic laws, run red lights and stops signs and ride three or more abreast while impeding the reasonable flow of traffic.

There is no argument that some bicyclists do fail to follow traffic laws, which reflects badly on the entire bicycling community. If we want to be accepted on the road by more drivers, then we have to be good citizens on our bikes as well.

Mutual respect means mutual safety.

Dean Schott
Outreach Director
League of Illinois Bicyclists
847-291-1213

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Libnews mailing list
Libnews@...
http://denali.physics.indiana.edu/mailman/listinfo/libnews
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- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***

1685. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Room Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-09 13:53:08 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1685 Message: 1685

The forum chairman has informed me of a slight change to our Hamvention BMHA forum. The BMHA forum will be:

0930-1115 Sunday in Room 5

It was originally in Room 2. Please note the change. For those going to the Hamvention, look in the program to find Room 5 and we hope all of you find time to attend.

In addition to our great speaker lineup, there will be several door prizes given out.

73-Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

1686. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Room Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-09 14:39:39 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1685 Message: 1686

Thanks, Mike.

I'll try to get this onto the website shortly.

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 6:53 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Room Change

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> BMHA Forum Moderator
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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to
> prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts
> will be deleted.
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> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for
> questions and/or suggestions.
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1687. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Room Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-10 02:29:53 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1685 Message: 1687

Mike:

I have made both changes and the website should be up to date.

- Skip AA6WK

----- Original Message -----
From: "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 6:53 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Room Change

> The forum chairman has informed me of a slight change to our Hamvention
> BMHA forum. The BMHA forum will be:
>
> 0930-1115 Sunday in Room 5
>
> It was originally in Room 2. Please note the change. For those going
> to the Hamvention, look in the program to find Room 5 and we hope all
> of you find time to attend.
>
> In addition to our great speaker lineup, there will be several door
> prizes given out.
>
> 73-Mike, NF0N
> BMHA Forum Moderator
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> ------------------------------------
>
> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to
> prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts
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1688. boom mic's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-20 02:41:33 UTC
From: boomer267432
Topic: 1688 Message: 1688

Everyone what all kinds of boom mic's are there to use? and how do you like the one you use .

1689. Boomer mic's - blue tooth head or ear sets.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-20 23:18:40 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1689 Message: 1689

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There are several links on his page for bluetooth boom headsets
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http://www.jawbone.com/

Check out the demo vid with noise canceling. I found one on E-bay for about 1/3
of what the mfg'er was looking to get.

73 - and good riding!

Arnie KA0NCR

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> Posted by: "boomer267432" boomer267432@... boomer267432
> Date: Sat Apr 19, 2008 8:21 pm ((PDT))
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1690. Re: [BMHA] boom mic's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-21 18:57:05 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1688 Message: 1690

boomer267432 wrote:
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>
> Everyone what all kinds of boom mic's are there to use? and how do you
> like the one you use .
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>

Mine is a generic ear bud with an over the ear hook and boom. It has a fairly long cord and the plug to match my Kenwood D7. It has a push to talk in-line in the cord which I use a double sided Velcro strap to mount the PTT on my handlebar where my thumb can reach. I put my helmet strap over top of it and that stabilizes it making it quite secure.
I am well pleased with it.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 66,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1691. RE: [BMHA] Boomer mic's - blue tooth head or ear sets.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-25 03:08:56 UTC
From: Gary M. Reardon
Topic: 1689 Message: 1691

Amazon.com has the Jawbone for around $80.

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Incredible combination, I use it in very loud server rooms with no issues at all.

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Arnie Grubbs
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2008 7:19 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Boomer mic's - blue tooth head or ear sets.

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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1692. Re: Boomer mic's - blue tooth head or ear sets.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-26 02:42:15 UTC
From: w9ran
Topic: 1689 Message: 1692

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Gary M. Reardon" <n1edz@...> wrote:
>
> Amazon.com has the Jawbone for around $80.
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73, Bob W9RAN

1693. Re: [BMHA] Re: Boomer mic's - blue tooth head or ear sets.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-26 03:18:11 UTC
From: mike
Topic: 1689 Message: 1693

thanks for the info so far the one i have seen used so far is a PRYME SPM 400A and the guy really likes it . it had the optional PTT remote.

----- Original Message ----
From: w9ran <w9ran@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2008 9:42:15 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Boomer mic's - blue tooth head or ear sets.

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1694. Jawbone blue tooth mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-04-26 19:56:47 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1694 Message: 1694

Hi Group,

Well, I just got my Jawbone headset and charger, and I also have a Jabra a210 interface. Now all I need to do is get a patch cable made up for a radio and I can try it out. I'll have to check radioshack to see if I can find some plugs for my radio.

I have not used a blue tooth system before, so it will be interesting to see if I can figure this out and get it talking!

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1695. Re: [BMHA] boom mic's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-03 16:56:47 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 1688 Message: 1695

My boom mic & headset is the Telex Stinger. I love it, however I wish that it wasn't tied to the radio with a cord. My next headset is going to be wireless. I have been using the Stinger on the bike for the annual Lincoln Marathon for about 10 years now. Before that I used a speaker mic on an old Icom 2AT. A friend of mine is selling quite a few Stingers at the local hamfests. He must have picked them up as excess inventory or something, as I think they are going for around $5-$10.

BTW, I will be cycling behind the lead female runner in this year's Lincoln Marathon. Look for WB0DGF-4 on APRS maps Sunday morning May 4 from 7am till about 9:45am. There is a link to the maps at the bottom of my www.wb0dgf.com web site.

73 Roger WB0DGF

--- boomer267432 <boomer267432@...> wrote:

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1696. BMHA server downtime

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-04 23:34:59 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1696 Message: 1696

I am sorry for the unannouced downtime of the BMHA server at http://www.BMHA-Hams.org We had a bit of malware attack on the server and rather than try to block/mitigate it I have chosen to do the prudent thing and rebuild the server.

I do not believe that any "bad" things have happened, but since I am in the industry I'd rather take the server down and rebuild it from scratch. I am doing this now and it should be back up in the next day or so.

It is much beter to be "safe" than "sorry".

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1697. Re: BMHA server downtime

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-05 00:06:48 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1696 Message: 1697

Skip,

Many thanks for your devoted service.

73 de Scott/n7net

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> - Skip AA6WK
> BMHA-Webmaster@...
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1699. Re: BMHA server downtime

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-06 03:46:07 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1696 Message: 1699

The BMHA server remains down. It is a bit worse than I thought -- the motherboard seems to have forgotten what a hard drive is for.

All data is intact, but my replacement machine (an ultra-nice Vista 64-bit dual core) doesn't run the right software.

I expect to have the hardware replaced late tomorrow and the site back up shortly afterward. No data was lost.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1700. Quick Intro

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-07 14:35:07 UTC
From: Rick Garrett
Topic: 1700 Message: 1700

Hi folks, I'm Rick in Indianapolis, N9GSU, and a cyclist. Just found this group.

I've operated bicycle mobile, just with an HT and boom mic, but now I'm wanting to go bicycle APRS and make a better VHF voice setup also. This looks like the group for me!

Thanks for having this group, and I look forward to being a part of it!

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1701. Re: Quick Intro

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-07 15:26:20 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1700 Message: 1701

Welcome, Rick,

You'll find a wealth of information herem plus a host of individuals anxious to help you succeed.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1702. Re: [BMHA] Quick Intro

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-07 15:56:01 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1700 Message: 1702

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You are just in time. Hope to see you at Dayton Sunday morning at the
BMHA forum. I'll be heading through Indianapolis on my way there
Thursday. By the way, for us westerners, have they quit trying to pave
over the town yet?

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1703. Re: [BMHA] Quick Intro

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-07 16:17:06 UTC
From: Rick Garrett
Topic: 1700 Message: 1703

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> over the town yet?
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Well...since you're coming through on 70, you'll be fine! That project is
all done, FINALLY :)

Thanks, all, for the welcome!

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1704. BMHA Website is back online

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-09 04:33:22 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1704 Message: 1704

I apologize for the hardware failure that took our website offline, as well as the software issues which kept it offline (the new hardware is more modern than the old software understood).

We are not 100% (page counters for example are not updated) but all of the essential stuff is back online.

http://www.BMHA-Hams.org

Enjoy Dayton !

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1705. Re: [BMHA] Jawbone blue tooth mic

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-11 13:46:03 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 1694 Message: 1705

I will be most interested in hearing how this does for you. I very nearly bought one to use with my FTM-10R, but as I read more reviews of it (as well as most all other noise-canceling models) I found many said that while it did handle most other noise well, it did NOT handle wind noise well - which is, of course, the primary noise problem I have when riding...

I sure did like their demos, though! :) May still get one to use with the cell phone for work...

Joe / N5USR

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1706. 6m Sporadic E (Es) Skip Season is Here!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-20 01:52:08 UTC
From: Elroy W. Shelley, Jr.
Topic: 1706 Message: 1706

For the next few months it will be the peak season for Sporadic E skip on 6m, (10, 12, and 15 meters too, and possibly even 2m if the skip gets intense enough), and sometime between now and August you'll be able to work 500 miles to 1200 miles on single hop skip, and possibly multi-hop skip if the band is right. Low power works well with this propagation mode and you don't need a big antenna at 50 MHz to pull off some nice VHF DX. I use 2.5 watts SSB from an FT-817 on USB on my Trek 7000.

I check the "50 MHz Propagation Logger" web page often during this season to see if the band is hot in other areas of the country, even if it is not open where I'm at, to get a feel if an Es opening may be likely, at the following web link:

http://dxworld.com/50prop.html <http://dxworld.com/50prop.html>

Here's a couple more links for those wanting to read a little about this form of propagation:

http://home.swbell.net/pjdyer/cq/cq7208a.htm
<http://home.swbell.net/pjdyer/cq/cq7208a.htm>

http://www.geocities.com/toddemslie/Es_distances.html
<http://www.geocities.com/toddemslie/Es_distances.html>

http://www.anarc.org/wtfda/sporade.pdf
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If you happen to like DX'ing the FM Broadcast Band or low TV channels 2 thru 6, you'll most likely catch your share of strong, 1,000 mile plus DX on those bands too when when the bands are hot. No big antennas needed here either. In the past, I've kept an eye on TV channels 2 & 3, which aren't occupied here in the Milwaukee area, with a portable TV with it's internal whip fully extended. When those TV channels start opening up, I get out the bike and start working some 6m DX. Here's a VHF DX'ers web page that I found on the Internet with plenty of interesting recordings of VHF DX:

http://www.geocities.com/kw4rz/DX_FM.html
<http://www.geocities.com/kw4rz/DX_FM.html>

Good luck DX'ing VHF on 6 meters from your bicycle this summer!

Elroy, WB9GIE
Brookfield, Wisconsin

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1707. Howdy to the group

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-22 05:04:42 UTC
From: Adam
Topic: 1707 Message: 1707

Howdy all,

I am Adam Lawler WK4P from West Jefferson, NC. I took up cycling in 1988 when I went to buy a mountain bike for commuting and when I mentioned a dream to ride from the mountains to the beach they talked me into a road bike. I became hooked. My first century was the Assault on Mt. Mitchell. I made the trip to the beach and one from NC to ON.

My ham radio career began in March 1992 when my "no code tech" license and my first call, KD4MCA. I got my General in 1993 and my Advanced in 1994. After being off the air for about 4 years I got involved in radio again and earned my Extra in 2004.

When I got back on the air the contesting bug hit me and I was hooked again. I have won 2 PSK DeathMatches (2005, 2007), the 2006 VA limited category in the September VHF contest from our portible operating location on Whitetop Mountain (5500 ft) and several other plaques and certificates from my half acre of hillbilly heaven. I changed my call to WK4P in March 2006, 14 years to the day after KD4MCA was issued. It was available and just too close to WKRP to pass up.

My time off the air cooresponded with time away from the bike. My eyesight began to deteriorate due to diabetic retinopathy and I quit riding. My weight ballooned. But in October 2006 my friend KI4DUR and myself were talking on the radio about things we used to do and the dream to ride to CA came back to life. I could no longer see enough to tour on a single bike but when I mentioned my desire to tour with my wife Karen, KD4UKT she said that she wanted to go too. So we found our tandem, a 2001 or 02 Trek T1000 we named Clyde and she became the captain and I the stoker. As we outfitted the tandem to tour I put a seatpack under her seat to hold the VX7r and fastened a metal plate off the back of the back rack to hold the hersey kiss mag mount. We trained and took our first tandem tour, a 400 mile trip from our home in West Jefferson NC to Emerald Isle NC in July 2007. Ham radio played a vital part in that tour. You can read about it on Crazy Guy on a Bike, http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/?o=3Tzut&doc_id=2796&v=3t&term=Adam%20Lawler&context=all

One reason I am joining this group is to learn more about HF instalations on bikes. I found out on May 1st that I am now legally blind and so may actually have time to take the ride to CA I have always dreamed of. If I do I want HF capabilities on the bike. Nice thing about the tandem is I can operate all day, as long as it's flat that is, hard to talk on the hills.

I'm looking forward to being a part of this group and hope to learn and to offer my experiences for others.

Peace and 73
Adam WK4P

1708. Wind-noise with SPM-400A?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-05-29 18:51:50 UTC
From: William Eric McFadden
Topic: 1708 Message: 1708

I've read good things about the SPM-400A mini-boom headset, on this forum and elsewhere, so I bought one to use on my bike with a third-party handlebar-mount PTT button. (The PTT button was a buck at Dayton this year--I bought six!)

Unfortunately, the microphone is picking up so much wind-noise that my transmitted signal is unintelligible. I've already tried adding a small foam wind-screen from another boom-mic but this didn't help much.

What have others done to reduce this wind-noise with this headset?

tnx, es 73.

William

1709. Hello to the Group from KC8HPS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-09 03:23:50 UTC
From: Bryan
Topic: 1709 Message: 1709

Hello,

The name here is Bryan from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

I just purchased a bike and plan to do Ham Radio mobile. I found the yahoo group via a web search at yahoo.com .

I already own several mobile 2meter rigs so I will likely figure out someway to use existing equipment. Im probably more curious about how others have chose to do antennas etc.

With my Bike I did purchase a rear mounted rack, I hope to attach an antenna there.

well hello for now!

73's Bryan www.kc8hps.com www.streamshots.com

1710. Hello to the Group from KC8HPS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-09 03:27:33 UTC
From: Bryan
Topic: 1709 Message: 1710

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1711. Re: Hello to the Group from KC8HPS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-09 03:54:30 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1709 Message: 1711

Welcome Bryan,

It's nice to have you in the group.

I run just VHF and UHF, but as you read the mail you find some folks are heavy into HF. The file section will give you many pointers and a host of ideas for what might work for you.

A J-Pole antenna is probably best suited for bikes, but I've had pretty good luck with a modified 5/8 wave by grounding the shield to a bottle cage bolt. I've built several J-Poles from tv lead and shoved them into a section of pvc. A decoupling loop at the base will settle the SWRs down.

Keep us posted with your progress.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1712. Re: {Disarmed} [BMHA] Hello to the Group from KC8HPS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-09 12:47:29 UTC
From: Kelly Gray
Topic: 1709 Message: 1712

Hi Bryan,
Welcome to the group.
I do almost all of my operating on VHF and UHF while bicycle mobile. I did a bicycle camping trip recently, and posted a photo of the bike here:
http://img.geocaching.com/track/3a00b40b-859a-4558-9fb5-0a06d18116ad.jpg

The antenna on the rear is a Tram 1180. Low power dual band antenna on an NMO mount. The mount is bolted to the rear of the carrier. The feedline is about six feet of RG-174 running up the frame of the bike to the radio on the handlebars.
Mounted on the left handlebar is a GPS unit feeding over to the Kenwood TH-D7 radio on the right handlebar. All the equipment is powered off a 12V 7AH gell cell battery hidden inside the handlebar bag.

If you've already got a 2m mobile rig, you might be able to fit it inside the handlebar bag. One thing you have to keep in mind is that sooner or later you will get caught in the rain, and you've got to have some means of protecting the radio equipment. In my case, I make sure there's always enough room inside the handlebar bag to allow me to stuff the radio inside it. the headset I use is long enough that I can still operate the radio. I just have to remember to lock the keypad before stuffing it away.

Kelly Gray VE3VGP

1713. Repeater Info Data

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-09 16:20:27 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1713 Message: 1713

If you're planning a bicycle tour this summer you might want to check the LINK section here. There's information on 33 states. It's free and arrives in your inbox in Microsoft Word format.

73 de Scott/n7net

1714. Re: [BMHA] Repeater Info Data

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-09 22:49:14 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny
Topic: 1713 Message: 1714

Scott you can add my repeaters if you don't mind as we have a lot of bicyclist come through Cortez, Colorado and the Mesa Verde National Park.. Thanks 73 Johnny KD5LWU

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1715. Re: [BMHA] Repeater Info Data

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-09 23:41:27 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1713 Message: 1715

Hi Fr. Johnny,

At this point in time Robert is compling only 2-meters. I'll submit your list. If he needs more info--from which highway etc. etc. I'll get back to you for details. I'm sure he'll be pleased.

73 de Scott/n7net

--- On Mon, 6/9/08, Fr. Johnny <fieldservice@...> wrote:

From: Fr. Johnny <fieldservice@...>
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Repeater Info Data
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, June 9, 2008, 5:49 PM

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1716. Re: [BMHA] Repeater Info Data

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-10 01:45:24 UTC
From: KD5LWU Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 1713 Message: 1716

Okay Thanks the repeaters cover the whole area...In a few weeks we will be moving the system (all repeaters) up to the top of Menefe Mountain which will put the system 9,300 feet up and will cover from Farmington New, Mexico to Durango and Pegosa Springs, Colorado to Monticello, Utah to a Portion of Arizona and of course the 4 corners area of Cortez, Colorado and Mesa Verde National Park and can be accessed from all the major highways in and out of Cortez. Currently the system covers about 75 miles in all directions except Towards Durango (that direction goes about 40 miles at present) because of a mountain blocking Durango....that will change when we get it on Menefe. 73 Fr. Johnny pulling my Rans Rocket bent out for summer riding.

scott laughlin wrote:
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1717. BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-19 20:50:17 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1717 Message: 1717

Just a thought. I know that when I wear the polo with the Motorcycling Amateur Radio Club logo, I am often questioned about the group. Perhaps the artists in the group might come up with a design that would generate interest in the group if we were at a hamfest or out in a group etc. I received the address of this particular clothing manufacturer and thought of our group.
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1718. Re: BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-19 21:28:49 UTC
From: w9ran
Topic: 1717 Message: 1718

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Norm Huber <n9zks@...> wrote:
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> I received the address of this particular clothing manufacturer and
> thought of our group.
> http://www.bikeatac.com/

A good thought - it might help explain the funny "flag holder" on the back of my recumbent!

Here's another potential source:

http://www.champ-sys.com/index.asp?initpage=Custom%20Cycling

$45 each for custom jerseys, unlimited colors.

73, Bob W9RAN

1719. Re:BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-19 23:34:25 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 1717 Message: 1719

I would be interested in a BMHA Jersey, but (this is a big but) only if the jersey
dose NOT have pockets or any extra add-on's to the back side. As a recumbent rider, I just don't want anything on the back side rubbing on the seat back.

Just an old bent rider's rants.

de KB3FN - Lynn
*** Melancholy is incompatible with bicycling. James E. Starrs ***

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1720. Re: BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-19 23:52:09 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 1717 Message: 1720

I ride a recumbent trike but would be interested in a club jersey if someone figured out a fun design.

73

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K6BBQ

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1721. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 09:43:40 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1717 Message: 1721

I'd be more in favor of embroidered patches that could be sewn or hot glued to any article of clothing per the wearer's choice - jacket, shirt, sweatshirt, etc. They're a lot cheaper, and far more versatile.

Joe N1KHB

**********Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos.aol.com/used?ncid=aolaut00050000000007)

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1722. Re: BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 03:57:23 UTC
From: n8iov
Topic: 1717 Message: 1722

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1723. Re: BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 12:41:34 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1717 Message: 1723

n8iov,

Have you used the software? What is it called?

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1724. Re: BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 13:29:50 UTC
From: n8iov
Topic: 1717 Message: 1724

the one I have is "the Print Shop" by Broderbund
yes one but not for this t-shirt but another t-shirt....

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Scott Laughlin" <n7net@...> wrote:
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1725. RE: [BMHA] Re: BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 14:12:43 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1717 Message: 1725

Because a bike jersey is designed to wick away the sweat and dry quickly not soak it up and if you stand in the shower with your jersey and proper bike shorts on that do the same you can then hang them up and they are ready to go the next day. Very useful and very handy on long multi-day trips.

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1726. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 16:31:33 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1717 Message: 1726

Lynn DeHart wrote:
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I on the other hand would be interested in a Jersey only if it is a full featured jersey. My rescue inhaler is in the rear pocket so it's handy when drafting along in the pack. I do see the use of a polo shirt, T shirt or good sized patch as an alternative for other venues. Obviously we need a choice just as we need different sizes as well as the possibility of men's/lady's styles.
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1727. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 16:38:26 UTC
From: Adam Lawler
Topic: 1717 Message: 1727

When we did our radio club T-shirts a few years back we took paid orders ahead of time and gave folks a choice in pocket (a front pocket on the Ts) or not. It seemed to work out well and everyone got what they wanted.

If I get one my XYL, KD4UKT, who is my tandem captain will have to have one too so a lady's style is a must.

Peace and 73

Adam WK4P...The Power

--- On Fri, 6/20/08, Norm Huber <n9zks@...> wrote:

From: Norm Huber <n9zks@...>
Subject: Re: [BMHA] BMHA Jerseys
To: BMHA@...m
Date: Friday, June 20, 2008, 12:31 PM

Lynn DeHart wrote:
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1728. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 18:38:24 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1717 Message: 1728

That's an advantage of an embroidered patch. It can have a companion call sign patch to go with it. I'd be surprised if the better patch makers can't handle that sort of order. And the set can be placed on whatever article of clothing the wearer wants. I know that there some ardent biyclists out there who like the idea of an official biycling style jersey I guess they call them, but for the broad cross section of ordinary cyclers, I think that the patch idea is best. Much easier to stock them too, if they are to be ordered ahead by some central party. No sizes to worry about either.

Joe N1KHB

**********Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos.aol.com/used?ncid=aolaut00050000000007)

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1729. I'm a greener person

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 19:46:58 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1729 Message: 1729

Hi,

I've been experimenting with different J-poles for two-meters. A friend, the local antenna guru, WA5SWD, fabricated a new J using copper wire, coax shield, a bike flag mast and a carpenter's level. I first became aware of his antenna when he challenged me that his antenna was better than mine. So, when we met at the North Texas HamCom this past weekend I was prepared for a High Noon Shootout. Instead, he gave his antenna to me.

Naturally, I checked the SWR before I set out on my initial road test, and I thought my meter had taken a hike while I wasn't looking. Not! There were no reflected waves. And after numerous signal reports I've determined that his antenna is indeeed better.

In the coming days I'll upload a photo of it.

The increased cost of fuel has caused me to put more miles on the bike then on the car. That makes me a greener person.

72 de Scott/n7net/bm

1730. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 19:49:18 UTC
From: Adam Lawler
Topic: 1717 Message: 1730

Patches are easier but to be honest I don't like the patch idea. A patch doesn't work on a jersey at all, really doesn't work well on a T-shirt either (you'd jest have to see my T-shirt at the end of a long ride).

If someone gets a design and takes an order there is no reason a jersey and a T could not be done. The jersey allows for rear pockets, the T doesn't. An order would simply look as follows:

1 jersey, male, XL
1 jersey, female, M
1 T-shirt, XL
1 T-shirt M

End of order, simple enough even I can do it. Both the jerseys and T-shirts could be printed at once saving the printer time and a setup fee. The only downside would be that all orders would have to be preordered and probably only done once a year. Let the club make a little money, say $5.00 a shirt and you have a fundraiser too.

Peace and 73

Adam WK4P

--- On Fri, 6/20/08, N1KHB@... <N1KHB@aol.com> wrote:

From: N1KHB@... <N1KHB@...>
Subject: Re: [BMHA] BMHA Jerseys
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, June 20, 2008, 2:38 PM

That's an advantage of an embroidered patch. It can have a companion call
sign patch to go with it. I'd be surprised if the better patch makers can't
handle that sort of order. And the set can be placed on whatever article of
clothing the wearer wants. I know that there some ardent biyclists out there who
like the idea of an official biycling style jersey I guess they call them, but
for the broad cross section of ordinary cyclers, I think that the patch idea
is best. Much easier to stock them too, if they are to be ordered ahead by
some central party. No sizes to worry about either.

Joe N1KHB

********** **Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for
fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos. aol.com/used? ncid=aolaut00050 000000007)

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1731. Re: [BMHA] I'm a greener person

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 20:27:23 UTC
From: ed moiser
Topic: 1729 Message: 1731

I would like on how to make one, is I am seting up a BM for 2meter... Iwas going to make one out 300o twin tv wire and tape to it.....

Scott Laughlin <n7net@...> wrote:
Hi,

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72 de Scott/n7net/bm

Edward Moiser

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1732. Re: I'm a greener person

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 21:06:31 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1729 Message: 1732

And, of course, you can always duplicate mine from easily had
materials (displayed at Dayton BMHA):
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/W5AOX%20APRS%20BikeMobile.html
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg

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1733. Re: I'm a greener person

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-20 21:23:05 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1729 Message: 1733

Ed,

If you already have some 300 ohm twin lead I would suggest you
carefully follow these directions.

http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/w4ehw/Jpoleant.pdf

Paying close attention to details are very important.

When attaching the coax be sure to remove enough insulationb so you
can get a secure solder job, then slip a piece of shrink tubing down
over the twin lead in order to provide a strong physical connection.

Slip the antenna into a length of 1/2 inch pvc, put a cap over the
top and find a way to secure it to your bike.

Sometimes when you move the antenna the SWRs change from where you
thought they were. I've found I can calm them down by using a
decoupler--four-turns of coax making a five-inch loop as close to the
coax/antenna connection as possible.

Let me know if I've not been clear enough.

72 de Scott/n7net/bm

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If you're more interested in the antenna mentioned below I'll need a
few more days to aquaint myself with it.

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1734. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Jerseys

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-21 18:10:18 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1717 Message: 1734

----- Original Message -----
From: "Adam Lawler"
(snip)
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> time and a setup fee. The only downside would be that all orders would
> have to be preordered and probably only done once a year. Let the club
> make a little money, say $5.00 a shirt and you have a fundraiser too.
(snip)

Has anyone considered Cafepress? They have gotten *much* better in the quality of thier work of late. The plus is that you order items for yourself, not it a bulk order. Someone would have to set up a store and create the items .. but it's a viable option.

http://www.cafepress.com/

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1735. The copper wire/coax shield j-pole

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-21 20:20:31 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1735 Message: 1735

Hi,

Here's the measurements I found on the copper wire/coax J-pole.

A carpenter's level was used because that's what he had and the form fit the need. It measures 24" X 2-1/4" X 15/16". I imagine anything close to that size would work.

The tuning stub is 17-7/16" before taking a 90 degree bend and extending another 1-1/8".

Leaving a 1/4" gap, the long side of the J begins, duplicating the 1-1/8" before taking a 90 degree bend before paralleling the stub. It measures 16-3/4, following a bike flag mast that has been glued to the other side of the level.

A length of braided shielding removed from RG-58 is fitted over flag mast for a distance of 35-3/4" and soldered it to the end of the copper wire.

After tuning the braid is covered with shrink tubing.

No doubt there will be variations. There always is.

Let me know.

72 de Scott/n7net

1736. jerseys and T- shirts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-22 04:35:58 UTC
From: n8iov
Topic: 1736 Message: 1736

I have read most of what you all wrote. So here is some thing some one to check I use a copy of it call lite... here is the web site... http://www.hanes2u.com/

Have some fun with it..
Ed N8iov 73's

1737. Re: [BMHA] jerseys and T- shirts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-22 05:54:09 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1736 Message: 1737

n8iov wrote:
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Does anyone have experience with the Iron On transfer method with the wicking material they make good jerseys of? I am not interested in jerseys or shirts for cheapness. I've had the ride jerseys that would last one or two days of the ride and be a worthless rag. They weren't even soft enough to polish the bike.

As I said, perhaps it is time for the artists to come up with a full featured logo with club name, contact etc. that we could get the JPEG etc for and work from. Also pick an official background color. Two of the groups I belong to incorporated the web site address of the group into the logo so people who saw the logo could get more info on the group. That was mostly for the stickers we have for windshields etc.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 66,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1738. Re: [BMHA] jerseys and T- shirts

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-22 10:12:43 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1736 Message: 1738

That's a good lead, Ed. Lots of us will be using that for plenty of projects, including the current one under discussion. Thanks!

Joe N1KHB

**********Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for fuel-efficient used cars. (http://autos.aol.com/used?ncid=aolaut00050000000007)

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1739. Handle bar antenna mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-25 00:10:32 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 1739 Message: 1739

Folks, I'm looking to make a handlebar antenna mount for my Icom T-90A dual band ht. And I was wondering what type of antenna's are most of you using for a handle bar mount or even a j-pole suited antenna along the top tube of the bike itself, rather than having one taped to a flag pole or one configured to an nmo mount on a blackburn luggage rack?

I'm actually looking for links of those that have done this. Thanks!

73's -

Jeff
KE7OUR

1740. Re: Handle bar antenna mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-25 01:49:36 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1739 Message: 1740

Jeff,

I've tried antennas mounted on the handbar and on pannier racks on front wheels. They don't work for me because they influence the handling too much. I would mount the antenna on the frame somehow.

Google BuxCom for some ideas on pruning a J-Pole that will resonate for both 144 and 440.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1741. Re: Handle bar antenna mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-25 01:49:48 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1739 Message: 1741

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1742. Re: Handle bar antenna mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-25 21:40:31 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1739 Message: 1742

>>...handlebar antenna mount for my Icom T-90A dual band ht...

Which of its three bands do you need the best performance?

Personally, I believe in either using a RAM handlebar mount for the HT and using an improved antenna mounted to the HT ... or routing cabling to the REAR of the bike. You shouldn't be mounting any eye-piercing whips in front of you on a bicycle in any situation.

> I'm actually looking for links of those that have done this. Thanks!

Pictures on my Web site at...

http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford/PhotoAlbum8.html

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1743. Re: Handle bar antenna mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-25 21:40:32 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1739 Message: 1743

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1744. Handle bar antenna mount (NOT!!!!)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-25 23:15:25 UTC
From: richjkuster@aol.com
Topic: 1739 Message: 1744

All,

????? A 1/2 wave on a rack over the rear wheel IS THE ONLY WAY TO GO!

?????? The Diamond 770 models are the sweetest, esp the ones with the fold over option as they are REALLY handy when tranporting bike over short distance on?a rack (for long haul it is best to remove the antenna entirely) or for when riding into a busy town with lots of foot traffic to make sure?no one?gets their eye poked out like on Ragbrai (hihi)

????? Then some real small coax to the?HT and a speaker mic.? What else would one need?

????? Photos available on request.

73's de Rich AF1K

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeff Newton <newton@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 8:10 pm
Subject: [BMHA] Handle bar antenna mount

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1745. Re: Handle bar antenna mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-26 00:47:02 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1739 Message: 1745

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Jeff Newton" <newton@...> wrote:
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> Jeff
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Jeff (and all):
A description of my antenna can be found at
http://75.60.24.163/BMHA/Newsletter/images/V14N01p05.jpg

Photos are included in the article at
http://www.lafetra.com/skip/aa6wk/Articles/CQ-VHF/April-1998.htm

It is an antenna-and-radio-friendly design, although it is not specifically a "handlebar mount". I have used it with 1/2-wave 2-meter "hotrod" antennas with quite a bit of success.

- Skip AA6WK

1746. introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-26 13:01:10 UTC
From: BJ McDowell
Topic: 1746 Message: 1746

Hello,
I am a new Ham, about a year now.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1747. Re: introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-26 15:00:11 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1746 Message: 1747

Well, Hi to you too. I am also a new ham, only been on the air since
1963. More details at http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/
A few more details about YOU would be nice too.
I commute regularly by bicycle with a Kenwood TH-D7 running APRS and
(very occasionally) voice with a homebrew J pole:
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-4&mt=m&z=16&timerange=21600
Unfortunately I haven't been on the bike since last Saturday due to
extreme shoulder and upper arm pain (you may surmise I'm an old phart)
that seems to be aggravated or caused by riding my old no-shock-system
upright bikes. Seriously contemplating building a recumbent bike or
trike (don't see how I could ever afford to pay more for a bike than my
used cars have cost).
73 de Jim W5AOX

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, BJ McDowell <anthraxebola@...> wrote:
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1748. Re: introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-26 17:20:13 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1746 Message: 1748

Hi BJ,

You'll find this is a friendly group. More knowledge and experience resides here than you can shake a stick at.

We'd like to know your call and location. If you already have a bicycle, what kind is it? Any firm bike/radio plans yet?

I do only 2 meters mobile at this time, using a Cannondale and a Bike Friday. My HF is portable more than mobile. Saturday, I plan to tow a bike trailer to a Field Day site and do some QRP. The trailer is necessary because that's where my 20-meter stick is mounted. There's liable to be so much RF around there I won't be able to get a weak signal through it. But who knows?

72 de Scott/n7net

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1749. my intro

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-26 19:54:08 UTC
From: BJ McDowell
Topic: 1749 Message: 1749

Hello ya'll,
My call is KD8HHQ. I am only a tech right now, going for my general in later july.
I am from Plainfield, Ohio, Coshocton county.
I have a Trek 7500 presently.
BJ
KD8HHQ

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1750. Re: Handle bar antenna mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-06-27 02:12:03 UTC
From: micronpcowner
Topic: 1739 Message: 1750

Hi,

As stated by someone else, the Diamond 770 series is a popular dual-band antenna with a foldover whip that makes it very nice. I have a setup using this antenna (which requires no counterpoise) mounted on my rear bike rack. With 5 watts, I've been able to work my friend's 440 repeater on the island of Maui from Oahu (over 110 miles), though his 20-watt repeater is atop 10,000 foot Mt. Haleakala!

I'm using a 12V SLA battery and speaker mike; works fine. You can see a photo of the bike (cheap Huffy, sorry) on my info page on qrz.com.

Aloha & 73!

--Gary, WH6C
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1751. VHF CW

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 02:51:09 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1751 Message: 1751

Has anyone had any success with VHF CW?

72 de Scott/n7net

1752. Re: [BMHA] VHF CW

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 03:20:29 UTC
From: Adam Lawler
Topic: 1751 Message: 1752

Seems to always be some VHF CW during the contests. During one 2 meter sprint I had a small pileup on CW. Usually there's lots of CW on 6 when Es occurs.

I haven't ever tried it on a bike though.

Peace and 73

Adam WK4P...The Power

--- On Tue, 7/1/08, Scott Laughlin <n7net@...> wrote:

From: Scott Laughlin <n7net@...>
Subject: [BMHA] VHF CW
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 10:51 PM

Has anyone had any success with VHF CW?

72 de Scott/n7net

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1753. Re: VHF CW

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 03:25:13 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1751 Message: 1753

Thanks Adam,

You give me hope.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Adam Lawler <cqwk4p@...> wrote:
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1754. Re: VHF CW

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 03:27:33 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1751 Message: 1754

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1755. Re: [BMHA] Re: VHF CW

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 04:10:28 UTC
From: Adam Lawler
Topic: 1751 Message: 1755

Why 72? At first I thought it was just a typo.

Peace and 73

Adam WK4P

--- On Tue, 7/1/08, Scott Laughlin <n7net@...> wrote:

From: Scott Laughlin <n7net@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: VHF CW
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 11:27 PM

Thanks Adam,

You give me hope.

72 de Scott/n7net

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> Subject: [BMHA] VHF CW
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1756. Re: VHF CW

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 12:18:13 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1751 Message: 1756

72 means I am work QRP and QRPp. I haven't used more than five watts
for a dozen years.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1757. Tricycle Mobile trip across Nebraska

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 15:43:24 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1757 Message: 1757

Starting July 3rd, KA0NCR and myself will be riding bicycle, actually tricycle both pulling Burley trailers, across Nebraska following Highway 20. We will start at the Nebraska/Wyoming border and ride east. Our plans are to operate 20 SSB and CW bicycle mobile and PSK on 20 as a portable station. We will be running 4-5 watt's using a KX1 and ICOM 703. On 20 meters, PSK will be on or near 14.070, SSB and CW will be on the County Hunter frequencies, 14.336 SSB and 14.056.5 CW. I will sign NF0N/BM on SSB and CW when operating as bicycle mobile. This is our planned County schedule for the trip: July 3, Sioux and Dawes; July 4, Dawes and Sheridan; July 5, Sheridan and Cherry; July 6, Cherry; July 7, Cherry and Brown; July 8, Brown, Rock and Holt; July 9, Holt, Antelope and Pierce; July 10, Pierce, Cedar, Dixon and Dakota. These are approximate dates depending on wind direction, weather and our riding capability. I will be using a KX1 on CW with a Buddistick mounted on a Burley trailer and can operate while riding although I will most likely be stationary while operating. This setup does qualify as a bicycle mobile setup as I can ride with all of it. We are carrying 2 seven amp hour batteries. Our PSK setup will use the NUE-PSK unit with a small keyboard. This does not require a computer to run PSK as the NUE-PSK is self-contained. Since we are running QRP, we may operate several times a day and try to run when band conditions are good. If possible, we will run other bands if conditions are favorable, on usual PSK frequencies, CW on 10.122.5 and 7.056.5. Look for us in the late afternoon or early evening after we stop for the night. If you work us and would like a picture of our setup, please request a picture with your SASE and card.

1758. Re: Tricycle Mobile trip across Nebraska

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 16:00:24 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1757 Message: 1758

Wow! If I weren't so far away I'd beg to tag along. It sure sounds like fun. Be safe. I'll have an ear peeled, listening for that signal

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...> wrote:
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1759. Re: [BMHA] Tricycle Mobile trip across Nebraska

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-02 20:20:36 UTC
From: Anthony Norem
Topic: 1757 Message: 1759

Go Mikey go!!!
With my new found freedom, I've been riding about 10 miles a day in the mornings, then doing work around the house. I've also been looking for a job - McDonalds had open interviews last week (haha). Unfortunately, the market is real thin right now, so I have only been applying for one or two a week. That really sucks!!!!!
I have also been working in my utility room. I have a desk that I put a PC on as well as my 570 so I can get up on HF. I think that the best thing right now is to set up my Tarheel outside and use it for the time being - I need to buy some power cable and figure out how to mount it . I also need to break out my old controller - or buy a turbotuner.
I still want to spend a little time on RAGBRAI this year (time permitting, or course).
We'll stay in touch on this.
 "Every man is free to rise as far as he's able or willing, but the degree to which he thinks determines the degree to which he'll rise" - Ayn Rand

----- Original Message ----
From: Mike Nickolaus <nf0n@arrl.net>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2008 10:43:24 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Tricycle Mobile trip across Nebraska

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1760. EA1URO web page

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-04 21:40:37 UTC
From: Elroy W. Shelley, Jr.
Topic: 1760 Message: 1760

I found this link from what looks like a ham club in Spain when I put my WB9GIE call latters into the AltaVista search engine... They made a little bicycle amateur radio mobile multi-media thingy towards the bottom of the web page, probably from photos taken from my MySpace page (or here)...

http://www.ea1uro.com/noticias.html

Elroy, WB9GIE
Brookfield, Wisconsin

1761. new guy

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-09 16:40:22 UTC
From: Larry brandon
Topic: 1761 Message: 1761

Just thought I would say hello as the new guy. I am 70 yr old, got my ticket in 1972 and use cw on hf and also 2m on my bike.Just picked up a used mountain bike and after some re building etc its ride able now. I just use an ht on 2m with a 18in whip but have no trouble hitting the local repeater from the park.Also a member of the yahoo group mesquiteham (which is our local club here in mesquite texas) and in the photo section there, you can see some of my ham stuff.
73 de K5jyd Larry
Mesquite Texas

1762. Re: new guy

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-09 20:56:29 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1761 Message: 1762

Hi Larry,

It's nice to meet you. I'm also 70 and a short ways north of you in Allen. I usually ride every morning and try to be finished by sunrise. I don't always take my radio along.

There are a nest of we bicycle mobilers here in North Texas. Welcome to the group. I hear there is strength in numbers.

73 de Scott/n7net

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1763. Tour De France Radios

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-10 05:09:19 UTC
From: rexh2001
Topic: 1763 Message: 1763

I have been watching the Tour De France Race and noticed that most
riders are using radios to recive information from the race organisers
and there teams.
Does any one know what type of equipment the riders are using?

1764. Re: Tour De France Radios

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-10 21:20:14 UTC
From: tobymarkowitz
Topic: 1763 Message: 1764

I noticed this, too, so searched the internet a few years ago and found nothing. Do rider support vehicles remain within line of sight? For example, a break of 15 minutes, at 25 mph, corresponds to a distance of about 6 miles which can easily be out of VHF radio range.

Might a repeater be used from the helicopter that accompanies the race? Radios are worn under jerseys resulting in a boxy bulge on their backs.

Toby, w0lzd

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "rexh2001" <aj.harris@...> wrote:
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1765. Re: Tour De France Radios

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-10 22:10:26 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1763 Message: 1765

I haven't seen what you've mentioned, but they might be using cell phone frequencies. That would reduce the antenna size.

73 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "tobymarkowitz" <tobymarkowitz@...> wrote:
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1766. Re: [BMHA] Tour De France Radios

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-11 01:41:10 UTC
From: Damon Lewis
Topic: 1763 Message: 1766

The team that started with the radios was the Motorola Team. Motorola built those radios. I don't know who is building the radios now. Only a few of the riders on each team can talk back to the team cars. All of the rest of the team have receivers only. The original radios weighed about 1 oz. I think the frequency was around 150 MHz. Damon KB0QCN

----- Original Message ----
From: rexh2001 <aj.harris@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2008 11:09:19 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Tour De France Radios

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1767. TDF

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-11 18:01:26 UTC
From: K9ZKJ DON
Topic: 1767 Message: 1767

From: Glenn Olson (k9gln@...) Sent: Fri 7/11/08 12:46 PM To:
K9ZKJ DON (djnovack@...) IN a 2003 Tour De France Q&A
article it is mentioned that they did use Motorola but switched to
Alinco DJV5T radios which were lighter. THis may not be ALL teams and
things may have well changed since 2003.

here is the link http://tour-de-france.velonews.com/article/3464
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1768. Re: TDF

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-12 01:27:35 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1767 Message: 1768

I remember seeing an Alanco DJ-C5 in a documentary about Lance and USPS years ago. I wasn't sure how the bands might overlap between the US and France, or if Alanco modified them for racing use, but I'm sure that's what they were using (I have one and would recognize it anywhere). Thanks for clearing that up, although I wonder how they get/got away with using the ham bands for very commercial use?

Eric
N3KQX

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1769. New Kid on the Block

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-14 05:08:21 UTC
From: jfelts13
Topic: 1769 Message: 1769

Howdy I'm Jerry - NR5A in Box Elder, near Rapid City, SD. I just got a Sunbike EZ-3 recumbant trike today, I actually get it tomorrow.

Of course one thing I want to do is mount my radio on it. I need ideas, sugguestions on putting a radio on a trike. Choice of radio's either a IC-706 or a IC-703+.

I have a Buddystik antenna system, 20, 17, &10m Hamsticks. Please give me some ideas oh where to mount on a trike, and what antenna??

Batteries, how big do I need? and where and how do you mount it????

www.sunbicycles.com is where you can see a picture. Its either a EZ-3AX or SX I don't know for sure right now. I just know I'm really excited about it.

Jerry - NR5A - South Dakota
www.freewebs.com/nr5a

1770. Re: New Kid on the Block

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-14 13:04:55 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1769 Message: 1770

Hi Jerry and welcome to BMHA YahooGroups. You may remember me from
County Hunting.

It seems like Budd, W3FF, the maker of Buddipole and Buddistick has a
similiar trike. Take a look at this site which has some pictures of his
trike with Buddistick. Not sure how he mounts the radio and battery but
this might give you some ideas. I am sure Budd would be happy to show
you more about how he has it setup.

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Mike, NF0N

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1771. small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 02:46:15 UTC
From: boomer267432
Topic: 1771 Message: 1771

so whats the best small dual band antenna to use on my rack with an HT

1772. Re: [BMHA] small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 02:59:57 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1771 Message: 1772

I've always liked the Diamond mobile antennas with NMO mounts. Though I have reservations about the NMO design in general, there really isn't any other viable game in town. Anyhoo, I'd consider using the Diamonds after the good results I've had on vehicles.

Joe N1KHB

In a message dated 7/30/2008 10:46:43 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, boomer267432@... writes:

so whats the best small dual band antenna to use on my rack with an HT

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1773. Re: [BMHA] small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 03:03:01 UTC
From: Adam Lawler
Topic: 1771 Message: 1773

I use a hershey kiss mag mount on the tandem. Most come with a small run of RG-174 attached. I mounted a small, thin, steel plate off the back of the rack so I can still keep a trunk on the rack. If you use the rack itself you will have to put a thin steel base to hold the magnet. All in all it's really simple, lightweight, and works pretty well. And comes off easily if transporting the bike or if I want to use the antenna if riding in a car with a non-ham. I think you can see it behind the trunk on one of the pics on this page.

http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?o=3Tzut&page_id=58931&v=20

It works pretty well for me. Hope this helps.

Peace and 73
Adam WK4P...The Power

--- On Wed, 7/30/08, boomer267432 <boomer267432@...> wrote:

From: boomer267432 <boomer267432@...>
Subject: [BMHA] small antenna ?
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 10:46 PM

so whats the best small dual band antenna to use on my rack with an HT

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1774. Re: [BMHA] small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 03:05:40 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1771 Message: 1774

"Tour De Mayberry". I love it!

In a message dated 7/30/2008 11:03:25 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
cqwk4p@... writes:

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RG-174 attached. I mounted a small, thin, steel plate off the back of the
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From: boomer267432 <_boomer267432@boomer267_ (mailto:boomer267432@...) >
Subject: [BMHA] small antenna ?
To: _BMHA@..._ (mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com)
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 10:46 PM

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1775. Re: [BMHA] small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 12:46:38 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1771 Message: 1775

----- Original Message -----
From: "boomer267432"

> so whats the best small dual band antenna to use on my rack with an HT

"best" for what?
How small is "small"?

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1776. Re: small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 14:31:37 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1771 Message: 1776

There is no free lunch when it comes to reducing the physical size of an antenna. Somewhere in the details the price is being paid.

My experience with magmounts and bikes has not been favorable. There is simply not enough ground plane and SWRs remain too high. However, by connecting the coax shield to the bike frame the SWR can be reduced.

SWRs can be a thing of the past by fabricating a twin lead J-Pole. They require no ground plane. Therefore, the lack of enough flat area at the base is not an issue. Placing a decoupling coil near the antenna feed point helps.

73 de Scott/n7net

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> http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?o=3Tzut&page_id=58931&v=20
>
> It works pretty well for me. Hope this helps.
>
> Peace and 73
> Adam WK4P...The Power
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> --- On Wed, 7/30/08, boomer267432 <boomer267432@...> wrote:
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> From: boomer267432 <boomer267432@...>
> Subject: [BMHA] small antenna ?
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 10:46 PM
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1777. Re: small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 14:48:34 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1771 Message: 1777

I think my 6 foot fiberglass "Bike flag pole J poles" are the best small antenna for a bike. Cheap and not difficult to make, and if you make it for 2 meters it will also have a usable VSWR at 440, although admittedly a poorer radiating pattern. I use mine on both bands... when mobile I'm more interested in setting the TH-D7 to single band use on 144.39 APRS, so I can concentrate on pedaling and sucking air. Sometimes I'll monitor the local remote base or 440 repeater on Band B, and if I decide some comment or conversation is compelling enough for me to chime in, I normally pull over and do a breathing-break in conjunction with a short QSO.
Jim W5AOX
APRS bike-tracker http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-4&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Richard Amirault" <ramirault@...> wrote:
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "boomer267432"
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> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ
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1778. Re: [BMHA] Re: small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 15:29:55 UTC
From: Adam Lawler
Topic: 1771 Message: 1778

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> How small is "small"?
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The above 2 statements best illustrate the problem with all antennas, there are no "best" antennas. If there were we all would be using them. However there are antennas that work "best" for each of our needs.

I like to say that all antennas are a compromise. Some work better than others in some applications, some are more physically practical, etc. That's why experimentation and finding out what works for your application is always the best way to go. Getting all the info you can from others and applying it to your situation helps in this process.

As far as a mag mount and ground plane size, no a bike will never give the ground plane of a car roof. But with the 6", thin steel plate I added on the back of the rack (simple 1 hole drill and 1 bolt and nut) the SWR is satisfactory. And best of all it works pretty well, it has actually surprised me.

I've not tried HF/BM yet. I'm sure those challenges are going to prove more difficult than V/UHF setups. I'm trying to figure out how to mount my A3S on the bike :-)

Peace and 73
Adam WK4P...The Power

--- On Thu, 7/31/08, jimdevenport <w5aox@...> wrote:

From: jimdevenport <w5aox@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: small antenna ?
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2008, 10:48 AM

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1779. Re: small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 15:58:35 UTC
From: k5est
Topic: 1771 Message: 1779

I use a 10 ft. Black Widow fishing pole that
is 3 ft extending to 10 ft with a 2 meter
twinlead J-Pole. Pretty tough and the antenna
is up high enough that comms is easy. Only
drawback is low hanging trees.

For HF, I have used the same 10 pole with a
wire radiator and a base loading coil. On
20 meters and up it is ok, not great, but
a dragging radial is the only way it works
well. Thought about using a 1/2WL vertical
for 15 meters, etc, and that would eliminate
the radial. Truth is I do not work much HF
on the pedals. I stop and just operate with
a wire tossed up in a tree and get a break
from the pedals.

73....Walter - K5EST

1780. RE: [BMHA] small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 17:56:54 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1771 Message: 1780

I know I had sent an email about my plan for this taking this trip some time ago but if you go to my website

www.jarosh.org

you will see pictures of my current bike with which I just finished a 1360 mile ride around Lake Superior with the 1/2 wave VHF NMO mount antenna on the back of an anveir rack. The included hole for the reflector is in the correct spot for the NMO drill bit. I have sunlite panniers and front pack. The 1/2 wave requires no ground plane and therefore is better than a 5/8 plus the 1/2 wave will handle uhf within useable parameters. You can read my daily journals about my adventure and there are some picture.

You can also see my old bike in the Files section of the yahoo news group.

1781. Re: small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 18:18:09 UTC
From: boomer267432
Topic: 1771 Message: 1781

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "S. Earl Jarosh" <earljarosh@...> wrote:
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1782. Re: small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 18:23:59 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1771 Message: 1782

Earl,

Your trip around Lake Superior must have been a daily rush. I've been to Duluth a number of times and then on to Two Harbors beyond there a few miles. The wind off the lake must have been a daily test of your grit, but a signal launched across that much water is no doubt something we'd all be interested in knowing more about.

My J-Pole fits inside a piece of 1" pvc. It took a lot of fiddling to get the SWRs flat, but the decoupler seemed to do the trick. I don't like it wagging around, but it is stout enough to survive low hanging tree limbs that you mentioned.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1783. RE: [BMHA] Re: small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-07-31 20:33:54 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1771 Message: 1783

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> my daily journals about my adventure and there are some picture.
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Mr Boomer,

Not sure whether you are talking about my website or the Yahoo Groups

For the old bike (31 year old Fuji) go to the Files section and find N0HZ. There will be a discussion text and several pictures. For my website and new bike (24 year old Miyata) scroll down to "Click Here for Earls Journals" and you will see the daily journals with picture 1, picture 2, etc links under each day. If you look hard you will see the maxrad antenna on the back of the bike. I took the radio mainly for Emergency and weather reports as the areas between Thunder Bay and Sault St Marie are cellular black holes. I did not do a lot of hamming but got a lot of questions about the antenna and Ham radio.

1784. Re: [BMHA] Re: small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-01 01:11:48 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1771 Message: 1784

----- Original Message -----
From: "k5est"

>I use a 10 ft. Black Widow fishing pole that
> is 3 ft extending to 10 ft with a 2 meter
> twinlead J-Pole.

(snip)

Interesting .. do you have the antenna *inside* the pole or *outside* it?

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
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1785. Re: [BMHA] Re: small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-01 01:14:07 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1771 Message: 1785

----- Original Message -----
From: "Adam Lawler"

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> However there are antennas that work "best" for each of our needs.
(snip)

And .. there is no "best" car, no "best" camera, no "best" wife .. I could
go on, and on, and on...

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1786. Re: small antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-01 02:12:22 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 1786 Message: 1786

Don't know for your individual situation, taste, expense account...etc

I use the 18 inch dual band antenna that used to be part of a mag mount set up. This is the one with the 3 inch diameter mag. Since the antenna has a 3/8 24 thread into the mag I simple put a matching mirror mount on my bike rack. I can hit a dozen repeaters in the Las Vegas, NV area with it. When commuting around the bus lanes I give up 440 Mhz and switch to the 80 inch 2 meter Hustler collinear, it uses the same mount. Swinging the 80 antenna make the bus move to the other lane and give me some room.

I see you have lots of ideas on the board so best of luck.
73
Jim
W1RO

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(http://www.fanhouse.com/fantasyaffair?ncid=aolspr00050000000020)

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1787. Re: small antenna ?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-01 13:55:08 UTC
From: k5est
Topic: 1771 Message: 1787

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Richard Amirault" <ramirault@...> wrote:
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> ----- Original Message -----
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>
> (snip)
>
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outside it?
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> Richard Amirault
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Richard,

The J-Pole is outside the pole, using
black electrical tape at three places.

73....Walter - K5EST

1788. RE: [BMHA] Re: small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-03 14:25:54 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1771 Message: 1788

Scott,

Yes, the first day a big nor'easter came down the lake and so we had head winds of steady 25mph with 30-35mph gusts. Second day I busted a spoke. Third day we made it into Canada and that was the beginning of the hills and easterly winds. We had picked the clockwise route so that we could catch the Canadian westerly's but as luck would have it, it was a screwy weather year in Canadian too. We woke up to temps in the high 40's and low 50's, so often we started later in the morning. I did not do a lot of radio as I brought the radio mainly for weather reports and emergency but when we camped at Pancake Bay Provincial Park I was picking up 162.55 from Duluth. That is about 50 miles north of Sault St. Marie which is the opposite end of the lake from Duluth. My full journals and pictures on the trip can again be found at www.jarosh.org scroll down and click on the Read the journals link. pictures are linked as picture 1, 2, 3 etc under each day's journal.

I also belong to the NLRS (Northern Lights Radio Society) www.nlrs.org. We have done a lot across the lake over the years. Most of the recent stuff is at 10 Ghz ssb. You can go to that website, noodle around and you will find all kinds of information and pictures on our actives past and present. It is a very active group in the world above HF.

I have used jpoles for many years made in various forms. My first one when I first got into ham radio was made out of scrap 10 gauge electrical wire stapled to a pine 1x4. I have several made out of scrap copper pipe, but my favorite is the backpacking one that I roll up made of twin lead which I hang from trees when camping.

cheers
Earl N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Scott Laughlin
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 1:24 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

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72 de Scott/n7net

1789. Re: small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-03 15:57:14 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1771 Message: 1789

Hi Earl,

Thanks for the great update. I'll go through your journals later today.

You may already know about a roster for motorists who circle the lake by auto. I would think you should be on a separate roster after what you've accomplished.

J-poles seem to be the antenna choice for 2m cyclists.

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> hang from trees when camping.
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> cheers
> Earl N0HZ

1790. RE: [BMHA] Re: small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-03 18:17:03 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 1771 Message: 1790

Scott,

Yes, I know about the Circle Tour roster where they post people's stories and list them. I plan to send them my story. Is there another?

Yes, it does seem like Jpoles are popular with cyclists but they are just a 1/2 wave and a bit cumbersome. so I mount NMO mounts on my racks and then use 1/2wave Larson style antennas. More durable, less mass and less weight. Some time in a couple of weeks after I get back from my Bluegrass Festival, www.minnesotabluegrass.org , I will post new pictures of my bike in the N0HZ files section.

Cheers

Earl N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Scott Laughlin
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2008 10:57 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: small antenna - Le Tour de Lac Superior

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1791. handle bar mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-04 18:14:49 UTC
From: boomer267432
Topic: 1791 Message: 1791

Hey,

i just bought a new Gary Fisher hybrid bike what kind of handle bar
mounting system can i get for my Kenwood HT.
my old bike is a DPS bike and i just made one out of sheet metal.

any help well be welcome

Mike

1792. Re: handle bar mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-04 19:18:53 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1791 Message: 1792

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> Mike

Photos of my setup can be found on my website at
http://www.lafetra.com/skip/aa6wk/Articles/CQ-VHF/April-1998.htm

My HT is a Kenwood TH-77A.

- Skip AA6WK

1793. Re: handle bar mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-05 01:06:10 UTC
From: Don
Topic: 1791 Message: 1793

Hi mike

I have a yaseu on my bike, I bought clamps that usually are used for
the bike reflectors and mounted it on the mobile adapter for the yaseu.

photos of the install can be found here.

http://ne1nh.net/hamradioonarecum/page1.html

hope this helps

Don
NE1NH

1794. Re: handle bar mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-05 10:18:23 UTC
From: Kevin GIlday
Topic: 1791 Message: 1794

HI Mike

You might want to look at a company called Ram Mount, WWW.RamMount.com

I use their HT mount with my Yaesu FT 60 and I use one of their mounts for my Garmin NUVI 200W. They have a huge selection of mounts for Garmins including the newest ones.

Make sure whatever you use that all cables are secured and if they are attached to you make sure they are break away. Really bad show to fall over in front of the local dairy queen (been there, done that).

One of these days I will get around to posting some pics, right after someone tells me how, hi hi.

Ride safe and have fun

Kevin
KD8GVM

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1795. Re: handle bar mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-06 04:05:14 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1791 Message: 1795

>>... what kind of handle bar
> mounting system...

If quality, durability, and strength are important...then get a RAM mounting system. Pics and part numbers at...

http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford/PhotoAlbum8.html

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
http://www.clintbradford.com

1796. Rolling and talking on Saturday

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-16 00:10:03 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 1796 Message: 1796

Hello to all - Skip, Mike and everyone else out here,
Long time since I've said hello.

I have been trying to get my HF tricycle mobile station going again and today was able to have a very low SWR on 20 meters while using a vertical Buddistick and for the first time no dragging radial! (I have two braided groundstraps, one from the trike frame to the radio). However, I wasn't able to make any QSOs as not many stations on this afternoon. So I am going to be on the air tomorrow on 20 meters during the North American QSO Party SSB contest. Operating here will let me know if I have enough grounding going on and stations can really hear me or if I am faint and need a dragging counterpoise.

So from 18:00GMT to 20:00 point your antennas towards San Francisco and maybe I can have QSOs with some of you. I am not running more than 40 watts so I won't be calling CQ usually down in the busy part of the band but off and on I will be going up to 14.342.50 - (the HFpack Portable Ops calling frequency) and calling CQ up there. I may also try calling CQ at 14.270 if it isn't busy as Buddipole ops call CQ there once in awhile.

Have a good weekend and I hope to chat with some of you from the recumbent BBQ HPV (Human Powered Vehicle).]

73

Rem
K6 BBQ

1797. Hams on Bikes??

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-17 19:24:28 UTC
From: jfelts13
Topic: 1797 Message: 1797

I'm going to start a webpage showing my trike as I set it up for ham radio. If you have a bike, trikes prefered but any bike send me some info on it and a picture or two and I'll use it on the website. Not sure what the exact name of the page will be so I'm open for titles too. Thinking about Hams on Bikes.

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Jerry - NR5A - South Dakota
www.freewebs.com/nr5a

1798. Bike Mobile headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-19 13:07:25 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1798 Message: 1798

I came across this by accident ... looks like it would be almost perfect for bike mobile.

http://www.planetheadset.com/stealth.php

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

1799. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-19 15:27:14 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1798 Message: 1799

But where it asks for you to select your Radio Manufacturer... it looks like they are all for commercial radios. When I select "Vertex"... which model radio would be the same at the VX-7R???

Yeah... looks nice for bike mobile... but will they work with ham gear or just commercial gear??

Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

-------Original Message-------

From: Richard Amirault
Date: 08/19/08 09:07:40
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Bike Mobile headset?

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1800. Re: [BMHA] Bike Mobile headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-19 17:58:48 UTC
From: Doug Jones
Topic: 1798 Message: 1800

Well, I selected the 'vertex' option as well... and at the top of the page, I see the Y1 connector, which looks an awful like the connector they use for the VX-7R, and my FT-60.

Doug N6LMX

> But where it asks for you to select your Radio Manufacturer... it looks
> like they are all for commercial radios. When I select "Vertex"... which
> model radio would be the same at the VX-7R???
>
> Yeah... looks nice for bike mobile... but will they work with ham gear or
> just commercial gear??
>
> Mike - N1EVH
> n1evh@...
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> -------Original Message-------
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> From: Richard Amirault
> Date: 08/19/08 09:07:40
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] Bike Mobile headset?
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> http://www.planetheadset.com/stealth.php
>
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> Boston, MA, USA
> http://n1jdu.org
> http://bostonfandom.org
> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ
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> [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]
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1801. Re: Bike Mobile headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-20 10:07:48 UTC
From: Kevin GIlday
Topic: 1798 Message: 1801

I started using my 3 wire setup from KawaCom for my VX160 on my FT 60 and it works fine. Can't speak for the VX 7R but I am willing to bet it will work.

Just ordered a set with a seperate finger PTT, it will work fine on the handlebar but I have not had a chance to try it yet.

Let you know what happens with it.

Enjoying the summer in Michigan

Kevin
KD8GVM

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1802. Re: Bike Mobile headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-20 23:12:55 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1798 Message: 1802

> I came across this by accident ... looks like it would be almost perfect for
> bike mobile.

Personally, I do not believe any responsible cyclist should close off one ear for comms while
riding. We need to pay as much attention to our environs as humanly possible...

I opt for a speaker-mic, securely clipped somewhere.

Clint Bradford, K6LCS

1803. Re: Bike Mobile headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-20 23:15:23 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1798 Message: 1803

>>...which looks an awful like the connector they use for the VX-7R, and my FT-60...

VERY different connectors - physically. Electrically the same, but the waterPROOF radios (VX-
6, VX-7) use a completely different housing than the FT-60 and other similar radios.

The plugs are NOT interchangeable.

Clint Bradford, K6LCS

1804. Re: Bike Mobile headset?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-21 19:42:31 UTC
From: jfelts13
Topic: 1798 Message: 1804

Personally I don't see the problem but lots of folks seem too. I for one do not ride on the road, bike trails or sidewalks. I am in the process of putting a IC-706 on my trike. Here is how I'm going to get around the hearing problem. My LBS has a helmet that has surround sound built in it. I ordered one of them. It allows to you have both ears clear, yet hear both the radio and what ever.

Jerry - NR5A

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1805. SMA-to-BNC Adapters that PROTECT your HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-24 19:59:26 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1805 Message: 1805

For those working the sats with the Arrow antenna...or anyone wanting to attach a BNC cable/device to their SMA connectors...

Yaesu's CN-3 is an abomination, offering absolutely NO stress protection to your handheld's SMA connector.

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Clint, K6LCS
909-241-7666

From: "Stephen Gulyas" <gulyas>
Date: August 13, 2008 2:38:14 PM PDT
To: "Clint Bradford" <clintbrad4d>
Subject: Re: Sma-to-Bnc adapter ordering information
Reply-To: "Stephen Gulyas" <gulyas>

Hello again Clint,

Nice to hear from you again and thanks for your presentation in regard to my adapters.

The following is my current ordering information:

A personal check or money order is what I only accept for a payment.

Total cost for one adapter shipped is: $13.95
Total cost for two adapters shipped is $25.90
($11.95 ea. + $2.00 S+H)(one to unlimited)

Remit to:
STEPHEN G. GULYAS
706 LALOR ST.
TRENTON, N.J.
08610

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Standard: C508A, C510A
Radio Shack: HTX-200, HTX-400, HTX-245, HTX-420
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Talk to you again later.
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1806. Re: [BMHA] SMA-to-BNC Adapters that PROTECT your HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-24 23:59:01 UTC
From: Doug Donner
Topic: 1805 Message: 1806

Hi Clint,

I would like to see a picture or 2. I currently use the small coax cable between the HT and antenna connector, with good results.

Thanks

Doug, KC8ZCF
kc8zcf@...

----- Original Message -----
From: Clint Bradford
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2008 3:59 PM
Subject: [BMHA] SMA-to-BNC Adapters that PROTECT your HT

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1807. Re: SMA-to-BNC Adapters that PROTECT your HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-25 06:04:02 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1805 Message: 1807

> I would like to see a picture or 2...

Just sent you a couple, via your arrl.net email address.

> I currently use the small coax cable...

And there's only about 1/3 db loss with it - as well as protecting your SMA connector!

Clint, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1808. The post of the day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-08-26 16:44:28 UTC
From: Marin QRP
Topic: 1808 Message: 1808

Hi,

I was Scot's post of the day on his K9JY blog website.

This was taken last Saturday while making cross country and Canadian contacts.

http://k9jy.com/blog/2008/08/25/hf-mobile-on-a-recumbent-tricycle/

73

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1809. Grist article and petition

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-02 23:41:33 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 1809 Message: 1809

Grist online environmental newsletter has a nice article with a petition to google to add a cyclist map planner imbedded. Thought that some might be interested.

http://www.grist.org/advice/how/2008/09/02/?source=daily

Lauriann Bradford
lb4ems@...

1810. BMHA Newsletter Articles Needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-22 16:27:14 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1810 Message: 1810

It's time for a newsletter, if anyone has articles you want published, please send to Norm, N9ZKS our newsletter editor, myself or to the BMHA Webmaster.

Let's make this one a large newsletter, it's your chance to inform the membership what you are doing or have done or want to do.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

p.s. if anyone would like to be a speaker at the next Dayton Hamvention BMHA forum, please let me know. It's never too early to get our program together

1811. Putting a rig together....Your input Please.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-23 04:31:47 UTC
From: ajeshadow
Topic: 1811 Message: 1811

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1812. Re: Putting a rig together....Your input Please.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-24 05:16:06 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1811 Message: 1812

Several issues:

Most bike generators are 6VAC. There is only one 12V that I know of, and I think it is somewhat hard to import (if you're in the US). You'll need to design a rectifier and regulator circuit, preferably one that will disconnect the supply when the batteries are charged to avoid damage if you are using gell cells. You might be OK using D cell nicads, since they can handle an overcharge situation much better then some other chemicals. If I ever get around to rebuilding my front wheel, I'll put a hub generator on, but any battery charging will be independent of any radios unless I can find a rock steady regulator circuit. The rated 6VAC can jump to 20 Volts at high speeds in some older models (which is why many people don't like to use generator lighting systems... they sometimes burn out lamps). Modern hub generators have some limiting built in to avoid this, but the simple bottle generators likely won't.

The other problem is that current consumption on this radio is about .5A on receive. Compare this to the VX-7R at around 200mA receive (I think that's at 7.4VDC). This was the biggest problem I had when I tried to use my Kenwood D-700 bike mobile, it just sucked down the battery in no time. And mobile radios typically don't put out their full rated power unless they are getting a solid 13.8VDC.

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1813. Re: [BMHA] Re: Putting a rig together....Your input Please.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-24 05:27:28 UTC
From: Andrew Elliott
Topic: 1811 Message: 1813

Thanks, Good Thoughts to think about.

On Wed, Sep 24, 2008 at 12:16 AM, n3kqx <n3kqx@...> wrote:

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1814. RE: [BMHA] Re: Putting a rig together....Your input Please.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-24 12:43:22 UTC
From: Stephen M. Shearer
Topic: 1811 Message: 1814

For a simple charge controller check out
http://www.sunlightenergysystems.com/Site/Welcome.html
Check out the The Micro M+ and it is only $30 +$5 shipping
Mike Bryce WB3VGE is the author of the ARRL "Emergency Power for Radio Communications".

I use one for my 10 watt solar panel for charging a 12AH gell cell. I think it will do what you want as it is a series controller. I am sure Mike will answer your questions if the books don't. I seem to remember that the circuit was also in the "Handbook".

Steve WB3LGC

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of n3kqx
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1815. RE: [BMHA] Re: Putting a rig together....Your input Please.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-24 13:20:04 UTC
From: Walter - K5EST
Topic: 1811 Message: 1815

I am with N3KQX on the handy talkie rig. You can
also take along a precharged gel/nicad/etc battery
and plug it into your HT for additional operating time.

Another thing to consider is when you stop and leave
your bike / trike. You don't want to have radio gear
still left on the ride for someone to tamper with or
decide it would look better in their possession....Grin!

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then CW on HF is the mode. There is a sling on the
rig so it is not attached to the bike, so only the
antenna and extra battery are attached. One day
maybe 6 meters will have an opening when riding.
That would sure be a treat........heck, I'd probably wreck!

73....Walter - K5EST

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1816. RE: [BMHA] Re: Putting a rig together....Your input Please.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-24 17:03:23 UTC
From: Stephen M. Shearer
Topic: 1811 Message: 1816

There is a 12V side wall generator

http://www.peterwhitecycles.com/dymotec.asp although the price is steep!

B&M Dymotec S12: Price: $ 285.00 (at 12V 6W)

Also see: http://www.bumm.de/docu/nojsmenu-e.htm

One thing I see is that the Dymotec S12 has a Electronically regulated voltage.

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BTW, Peter White Cycles is in Hillsborough, New Hampshire. And they import from Europe.

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http://www.nabendynamo.de/produkte/dynamos.html

They do have links worth looking at:

http://www.vintagebicyclepress.com/VBQgenerator.pdf

http://www.myra-simon.com/bike/dynotest.html

http://www.audax.uk.net/lights/dyno.htm

Even at 6V's one problem with a hub generator, is the drag even when turned off.

73, Steve WB3LGC

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1817. Re: Putting a rig together....Your input Please.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-25 02:17:02 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1811 Message: 1817

That's the site I was thinking of. There's a lot of good information there, along with the late Sheldon Brown's excellent tutorials on dynohubs and lighting systems.

http://sheldonbrown.com/dynohubs.html

Most of the reviews of the SON hub say that the drag is negligible, even when when loading with a light. I figure I'll rig up a disconnect switch tied into my front derailer, so that when I went down to the granny ring it would automatically remove the load from the hub in order to maximize my pedaling into uphill motion.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Stephen M. Shearer" <wb3lgc@...> wrote:
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1818. Re: Putting a rig together....Your input Please.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-09-25 02:21:29 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1811 Message: 1818

Thanks. That's exactly what I was looking for.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Stephen M. Shearer" <wb3lgc@...> wrote:
>
> For a simple charge controller check out
> http://www.sunlightenergysystems.com/Site/Welcome.html
> Check out the The Micro M+ and it is only $30 +$5 shipping
> Mike Bryce WB3VGE is the author of the ARRL "Emergency Power for Radio
> Communications".
>
> I use one for my 10 watt solar panel for charging a 12AH gell cell.
I think
> it will do what you want as it is a series controller. I am sure
Mike will
> answer your questions if the books don't. I seem to remember that the
> circuit was also in the "Handbook".
>
> Steve WB3LGC
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@...m] On Behalf
Of n3kqx
> Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2008 1:16 AM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: Putting a rig together....Your input Please.
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> Several issues:
>
> Most bike generators are 6VAC. There is only one 12V that I know of,
> and I think it is somewhat hard to import (if you're in the US).
> You'll need to design a rectifier and regulator circuit, preferably
> one that will disconnect the supply when the batteries are charged to
> avoid damage if you are using gell cells. You might be OK using D cell
> nicads, since they can handle an overcharge situation much better then
> some other chemicals. If I ever get around to rebuilding my front
> wheel, I'll put a hub generator on, but any battery charging will be
> independent of any radios unless I can find a rock steady regulator
> circuit. The rated 6VAC can jump to 20 Volts at high speeds in some
> older models (which is why many people don't like to use generator
> lighting systems... they sometimes burn out lamps). Modern hub
> generators have some limiting built in to avoid this, but the simple
> bottle generators likely won't.
>
> The other problem is that current consumption on this radio is about
> .5A on receive. Compare this to the VX-7R at around 200mA receive (I

> think that's at 7.4VDC). This was the biggest problem I had when I
> tried to use my Kenwood D-700 bike mobile, it just sucked down the
> battery in no time. And mobile radios typically don't put out their
> full rated power unless they are getting a solid 13.8VDC.
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> I realize that it looks like such a great idea, but an HT is a much
> better solution. I know I had the same thoughts when I first saw the
> FTM-10r, but from a practical standpoint, an HT with a mobile antenna
> really does offer similar performance. Even though that radio is rated
> for 50 Watts, you wouldn't want to have 50 Watts right next to you,
> and like I said, it wouldn't be likely to get there anyway. When I get
> the urge, I use either a Kenwood TH-d7 or TH-6a, depending on what I'm
> in the mood for, attached to a Diamond NR-770 dual band antenna on my
> bike rack. This works very well at getting to the APRS network and
> most repeaters I monitor. The only thing I miss from the D700 is the
> huge display, but I don't miss the weight and fear of trashing it in a
> crash.
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> But please don't let me stop you. Like I said, I'd be thrilled to find
> a dead simple charging system that would tie into a hub generator that
> didn't shunt the output back to the generator (most charger designs
> I've seen via googling are for windmills and solar panels, not
> bicycles), and the VX-8R looks like it does everything and more, if
> you like Yaesu.
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>
> Eric
> N3KQX
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "ajeshadow" <ajeshadow@> wrote:
> >
> > I am in the process of getting TerraTrike and want to put the Yeasu
> > FTM 10-R radio on board.
> >
> > So If I get a 12v 6watt bicycle generator and connect it to a 12v
> > battery and running wires to the radio it should work okay. Just not
> > sure what would be the best 12v battery to get.
> >
> > Not sure I should separate the control head from the radio (something
> > about not as weather proof). So I think I could mount the rig on the
> > left side of the seat or off the handle.
> >
> > Since I am in the planning stage, none of this is solid and open to
> > the input of the group. Thanks KF4SWS
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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to
> prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such
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1819. Greetings from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-03 15:26:20 UTC
From: Stuart Benbow
Topic: 689 Message: 1819

Hi all,

A little about myself, I'm a relatively new ham at about a year and a half. I passed my tech and general tests the same day, but later feel I short changed myself as I mainly studied the test questions rather than really learning the meat of the tech stuff. As a result, I am slowly going through and trying to learn about electronics and the real how-to of things, as I'm really green at making anything work that isn't off the shelf.

I used to be an avid bicyclist, and spent several years pouring on the miles, but life got in the way. Lately, the bike has been coming out more and more often, and now the only time I don't ride is when I'm driving family to doctors appointments or range is a factor, usually over 10 miles at the moment as I'm still getting back into shape.

I'm gradually working on building endurance, trying to put the car away several months out of the year, and I'm thinking about training for a couple of several day rides next summer. That being said, combining amature radio with bicycling seems like a good fit.

Now the fun part, I've got a VX7R radio, a Maldol MH 510 antenna, and a mini-speaker mic. For the moment, the whole thing fits in my hydration backpack, with the antenna and mic cable coming out the headphone port at the top. Unfortunately, the antenna follows my back's angle and leans forward rather than staying upright. When I tried mounting the antenna to the frame, I stuck it low on the frame by the rear tire, and the tire seemed to interfere with the signal somehow. Again, green, probably a known reason not to put it right by the axle, but I didn't know any better.

What I'm trying to find is a way to wire a push to talk button on the handlebars that can release from the whole thing. I suppose, a quick release speaker/mic wouldn't be a bad idea either, as I'd like to stuff the radio in a pouch under the seat, hook up the mic/speaker to me, and the ptt to the handlebars. That way, if I spill, the wires just unhook, no damage. Probably not rocket science, but I don't have the know how. Any thoughts or pointing me in the right direction would be greatly appreciated.

Stuart Benbow
KD8GFE
Livonia, MI

1820. Re: Greetings from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-03 16:53:50 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 689 Message: 1820

Stuart, welcome to the group.
Mounting an antenna right at the bike's axle has at least a couple of major drawbacks:
1- The antenna height is even lower than your bike, already very low in terms of height gain...
2- The metal in your bike frame will tend to detune your antenna when mounted side by side. Very inefficient place to place an aerial.
Suggestions:
-Try a 90 degree angle adapter on your antenna-peeking-outa-the-hydration-pak scheme. It still will often not be perfectly vertical, but mobile antennas (in particular, bike antennas) are rarely perfectly vertical and they can still function fairly well. Keep in mind your back and/or whatever metal in the hydration pak is forming the only "ground plane" or counterpoise for the antenna.
Finding an antenna that works well on a bike is harder than on a vehicle, since there is so little metal surface, especially horizontal, on a bike. Thus I prefer half-wave or other "voltage fed" antennas that do not suffer as much for the lack of a ground plane. I've had good luck with commercial half-wave antennas that connect directly to the radio, and at times use a short BNC cable jumper to elevate the antenna elsewhere. I prefer to use a fiberglass or PVC narrow pipe tube about 4 to 6 feet long clamped to the rear-sloping nearest-vertical strut of the bike frame over the rear wheel to use for an elevated antenna mount. I've also had good luck with full quarter wave 19" whips in similar service, in spite of the lack of the beneficial ground as noted. I've had limited success using the rubber duck: It works, occasionally.... but not satisfactorily to me. Too many gaps in the APRS map HI.
I rarely try to actually talk while bike mobile in motion, I's perpetually out of breath and there's a lot of things going on around me, since I commute through Albuquerque to work and back. I let the APRS run on autopilot and only occasionally, when I happen to overhear a buddy I want to catch or a really interesting QSO, do I pull over and stop and chew the fat for a few minutes.
There are several hardcore guys who operate VHF and HF while in bicycle-motion, but either they're riding on much flatter territory than I am or are in much better shape (Not difficult!), or both.
My favorite bike antenna is a kids fiberglass bike-flagpole, with wire added to make it function also as a 2 meter J pole. It's long, tall, and ugly... and it works better than any other antenna on the bike. Some guys prefer mounting commercial antennas on their rear bike racks with an L bracket, which also works... but the pattern of the antenna is directly into their backs as they ride.
You can see some examples of my antennas and setup at
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/W5AOX%20APRS%20BikeMobile.html

http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg
Jim W5AOX /bikemobile aprs addict

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1821. Re: [BMHA] Greetings from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-03 17:24:24 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 689 Message: 1821

Stuart Benbow wrote:
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The SAR-APRS group has used a number of rigs to allow search and rescue teams the ability to work with hands free rigs due to the probability they will be operating in difficult terrain.
Good luck, feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions about my adaptations.
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(I'm the current newsletter editor.)
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1822. Re: Greetings from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-03 18:08:13 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 689 Message: 1822

I neglected to mention in my last epistle that the current (Nov 2008)
issue of QST has a VERY interesting project on Page 73: A Wireless
PTT Switch for Mobile Operations....
See if you can beat me to implementing it on a bike.
Jim W5AOX

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1823. Re: Greetings from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-04 00:32:19 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 689 Message: 1823

I am using the medium-duty Bluetooth adapter setup from Klein Electronics. The PTT is a 1.5-inch circular "puck" with a clip on the back. It will pair with my Jawbone, too - and I have
"modded" my Jawbone with a custom ear mold...

http://www.headsetusa.com/bluetooth-reg-wireless-headset.html

http://www.averysound.com/as.jawbone.html

And my RAM mount of choice is at...

http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford/PhotoAlbum8.html

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1824. Re: Greetings from a new member

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-05 22:14:41 UTC
From: Stuart Benbow
Topic: 689 Message: 1824

Thanks all for the feedback.

I've been taking suggestions to heart, and so far, have managed to use the existing antenna on a 1/8" x 1" x 8" bar I mounted to the seat bracket, and fed it to the radio, now hung in a seat bag, out of the way with the keys and dial locked so I know I'm broadcasting where I plan, and the speaker/mic comes up to clip on my shirt for now.

Not a finished plan, but it's a start. I'm budget deficient at the moment, so this will be a work in progress for a while. Work should pick up in the next few weeks and make things easier.

After experimenting while riding I've discovered that my signal is terrible with that antenna. It gets there enough to receive others, but just doesn't pack enough quality into the signal to make me legible. Since I enjoy antenna making, I'll try tossing together a 2m j-pole for the time being and give that a try.

I'm starting to figure out the how of wiring the ptt, mic etc., based on what I've been reading. I looked at the wireless ptt article, along with some bluetooth solutions that exist, but I'm avoiding that for now based on my goals. I am interested in multi-day rides and won't necessarily have access to charging multiple devices each night at camp. As it is, I'm going to be making an external battery pack for the VX7R that uses standard batteries, so I can just swap them out, but still use full power, instead of the 2AA battery low power optional power that is available.

It's really interesting to read how different people solve the various problems and modify things for their specific needs. I'm really enjoying learning from the vast pool of experience that exists here.

Thanks again,
Stuart Benbow
KD8GFE

1825. HF Mini -Bugcatcher

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-13 16:13:40 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1825 Message: 1825

Has anyone used this antenna on a bike?

1826. RAM Mounts 20% Off

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-27 08:16:08 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1826 Message: 1826

GPS City has a special this week only - 20 per cent off their already great prices on all RAM
mounts in stock.

There's no sturdier HT handlebar mount than their RAM-B-149Z-BC1 kit...pictures of it on m bike are posted here in the PHOTOS area.

Online Orders Only - Use Coupon Code: GUBF20P39R in your shopping cart.

Clint Bradford

1827. Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-27 16:41:23 UTC
From: ruko2001
Topic: 1827 Message: 1827

I need advice on how to put together a wireless two meter hands free system with PTT. The Klein Bluetooth system mentioned in a previous post is not water resistant and their warranty states that if the unit gets wet the warranty is void. I don't know if this refers to the PTT button, the head set or the dongle. Maybe all of them. I do get caught in the rain sometimes. My HT is mounted in a plastic trunk so it does not get wet. I need advice on mobile antennas too, for bicycle mount.

Thanks very much.

Russ N0BTI

1828. Re: [BMHA] Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-27 18:19:48 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 1827 Message: 1828

Russ
I have been working with APRS so have no experience with PTT but can report a bit on antennas for 2m. I have tried 1/4, 1/2 and 5/8 wave verticals NMO mounted on a small plate attached to a rear rack mounted to the seatpost. The plate is stainless for testing but will eventually be aluminum and riveted to the rack.

My experience confirms what I have read regarding directionality--strong signal over the front wheel. Large antennas perform better than small.

I found my 8xAA battery pack insufficient to hold over the usual bumps. The pack was constrained by foam but I wound up restraining the batteries with a cable tie.

The 5/8 rides nicely but requires removal or be tied down prior to carrying the bike downstairs. My QTH is close to you so I would be happy to show my installation. You can see my track from yesterday. It shows as a car but I was on bike.

73
Toby W0LZD

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> post is not water resistant and their warranty states that if the unit
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> button, the head set or the dongle. Maybe all of them. I do get caught
> in the rain sometimes. My HT is mounted in a plastic trunk so it does
> not get wet. I need advice on mobile antennas too, for bicycle mount.
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> Thanks very much.
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> Russ N0BTI
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1829. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-27 19:12:18 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1827 Message: 1829

Lakeview Company, Inc. has just reintroduced a halfwave 2m antenna
that might interest you. No ground plane required.

72 de Scott/n7net/qrp

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Toby Markowitz" <tobymarkowitz@...>
wrote:
>
> Russ
> I have been working with APRS so have no experience with PTT but can
> report a bit on antennas for 2m. I have tried 1/4, 1/2 and 5/8 wave
> verticals NMO mounted on a small plate attached to a rear rack
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> > Russ N0BTI
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1830. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-27 23:32:34 UTC
From: ruko2001
Topic: 1827 Message: 1830

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Toby Markowitz" <tobymarkowitz@...>
wrote:
>
> Russ
> I have been working with APRS so have no experience with PTT but can
> report a bit on antennas for 2m. I have tried 1/4, 1/2 and 5/8 wave
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> to the seatpost. The plate is stainless for testing but will
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> carrying the bike downstairs. My QTH is close to you so I would be
> happy to show my installation. You can see my track from yesterday.
> It shows as a car but I was on bike.
>
> 73
> Toby W0LZD
>
> Thanks for the antenna info Toby. I looked at your track on Google
Maps APRS site. Do you know of another web site that displays APRS
tracking? I used APRS one year while volunteering on the June MS-150
bicycle ride from Duluth to Blaine. I have a Kenwood THD7AG HT which
performed just the way it was supposed to for the first 75 miles.
Then I made a mistake in setting up the radio so the last 75 were not
recorded.
> >
Russ N0BTI
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> >
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1831. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-28 05:09:31 UTC
From: ruko2001
Topic: 1827 Message: 1831

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Scott Laughlin" <n7net@...> wrote:
>
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>
> 72 de Scott/n7net/qrp
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Thanks Scott. I will look into this antenna.

russ N0BTI
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> > Toby W0LZD
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1832. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-28 18:37:36 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1827 Message: 1832

>>...wireless...2M...hands free...waterproof...HT is mounted in a plastic trunk...

Then the Klein setup would work just fine. Professional alternatives cost about five times as much.

The Klein setup is a 3-piece system: the piece that attaches to the HT will be in your plastic box. I use my own Bluetooth earpiece, because I have had an earmold made for me for it, which makes it incredibly comfortable (source cited below).

The Klein PTT button can be worn a layer below the elements...Clip it to your shirt under your jacket...or on the bottom of a glove.

Again, true weatherproof, professional units will cost an awful lot more.

>>...I need advice on mobile antennas too, for bicycle mount.

I am using a Larsen NMOQ 2 / 70B dual-band antenna on my bike, mounted on an extension to my rear rack. Excellent performance on 2M and 440 ham bands. Overall length is just 18". For VHF, it is a center-loaded 1/4 Wave. For UHF, a center-loaded 3/4 Wave. Could not ask for better performance on 2M and 440.

Photos of the installation are in the FILES section here!

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1833. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-11-29 00:41:06 UTC
From: ruko2001
Topic: 1827 Message: 1833

Thanks Clint. I suppose expecting water resistance of 100 feet like my 17 dollar Casio Target special atomic watch is just too much to expect out of this kind of equipment. hi. I think I will go with the Klein. Getting rid of the wire tangle is something to look forward to. I like the names of your donkey and horse. Mjollnir, Thor's magic hammer.

73
Russ N0BTI

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Clint Bradford" <clintbrad4d@...> wrote:
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> Wave. Could not ask for better performance on 2M and 440.
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>

1834. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-08 22:19:11 UTC
From: ruko2001
Topic: 1827 Message: 1834

Hello again

Seems I have a problem with the Klein unit. They don't manufacture
a "dongle" with a connector for my Vertex 150 HT. They make them for
lots of industial Vertexes but not HAM units. Anybody have an idea
how I can proceed?

Thanks,

russ N0BTI

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1835. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-09 02:28:37 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1827 Message: 1835

>> They don't manufacture a "dongle" with a connector for my Vertex 150 HT.

Doesn't the Y4 kit work???

1836. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-09 02:30:01 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1827 Message: 1836

>> Doesn't the Y4 kit work???

No...sorry.

1837. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-09 02:35:59 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1827 Message: 1837

>> Anybody have an idea how I can proceed?

Why not keep it as simple and inexpensive as possible?

Use the RAM mount to secure your HT to the handlebars. Use a Yaesu MH-34B4B speaker mic, and just clip it to a brake cable housing or even your shirt.

This keeps BOTH EARS available to your surroundings - which we all should heed.

1838. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-09 06:42:01 UTC
From: ruko
Topic: 1827 Message: 1838

I agree, keep it simple stupid. But I don't like wires attached anywhere on my body. The Y1 connector that Klein advertises on their chart would work but, of course, they don't manufacture a dongle with it. I also agree keeping the ears open is best. Most of my riding is done on bike trails where the only traffic is other bikers. I avoid riding on the road, with all the crazies, as much as possible.

russ N0BTI

--- On Mon, 12/8/08, Clint Bradford <clintbrad4d@...> wrote:

From: Clint Bradford <clintbrad4d@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, December 8, 2008, 8:35 PM

>> Anybody have an idea how I can proceed?

Why not keep it as simple and inexpensive as possible?

Use the RAM mount to secure your HT to the handlebars. Use a Yaesu MH-34B4B speaker mic, and just clip it to a brake cable housing or even your shirt.

This keeps BOTH EARS available to your surroundings - which we all should heed.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1839. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-09 22:30:15 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1827 Message: 1839

Not intentionally playing devil's advocate, but...

>>...Most of my riding is done on bike trails...

Then you won't be able to remove a hand to hit a PTT button anyway - while you are moving. You'll be communicating while you are stopped for a drink or sandwich or for a break. All the more reason to simply improve your HT's antenna, and keep the radio packed away until you are stopped...

>>..I avoid riding on the road, with all the crazies, as much as possible.

That's a whole different thread...I have had more "incidents" on bike trails than I have had
on city streets. I feel much safer on city streets than trals or "dedicated bikeways."

But let's not get into this in this thread...(grin)

Clint, K6LCS
http://www.clintbradford.com

1840. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-09 23:42:32 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1827 Message: 1840

Strollers, people on cell phones, and little kids darting across the path are as much a threat as is a car on the street.

73 de Scott/n7net

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1841. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-10 00:28:42 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1827 Message: 1841

I occasionally actually "speak" into my bicycle-mobile radio system while mobile, but only rarely.... even on the straight and level, I just don't enjoy the heavy breathing, balancing act, working the PTT, etc. ..... but I DO let the radio run continuously in APRS mode on the "other channel" (can you guess I'm running a TH-D7?) as well as use the old IC-2AT with TinyTrakII.. they keep my speed and positions reported regularly to the internet while I concentrate on pedaling, staying upright, watching for all the various hazards related to biking, etc. Since I'm normally commuting, I rarely have time to "stop for a chat" but it does happen occasionally when I overhear someone say something particularly interesting.
Now, when I get my trike things may well get more involved radio-wise....
W5AOX

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> or "dedicated bikeways."
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> >
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1842. [BMHA] Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-10 01:03:29 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1827 Message: 1842

Clint Bradford wrote:
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> trails than I have had
> on city streets. I feel much safer on city streets than trals or
> "dedicated bikeways."
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> But let's not get into this in this thread...(grin)
>

When I call "Bicycle Mobile" or "Motorcycle Mobile" I am mobile. I
currently have a PTT on my bicycle's single ear headset/boom mike cord.
I originally had PTT that was far enough from the headset that I could
velcro it to my handlebar and reach it with my thumb without taking my
hand off of the bars. I'm having trouble finding those anymore.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 72,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1843. NEW Uplink Frequency for AO-51

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-10 04:01:23 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1843 Message: 1843

The 145.92 uplink to the main FM repeater on AO-51 has been changed due to interference on uplink frequency.

V/U FM Repeater
Uplink 145.880 MHz
Downlink 435.300 MHz

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
AMSAT area coordinator
909-241-7666

1844. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-10 18:50:20 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 1844

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /satbr5.pdf
Uploaded by : k6lcs <clintbrad4d@...>
Description : Work Ham Satellites with your HT!

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/satbr5.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

k6lcs <clintbrad4d@...>

1845. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-10 20:52:55 UTC
From: ruko
Topic: 1827 Message: 1845

Not intentionally playing devil's advocate" ?

I too experience incidents on the trail but they are at 15 mph or so. Not at 60 mph with a drunk or a crazy behind the wheel. I averaged 2000 miles plus on trails every year for the past 12 years and have not hit anyone nor have I been hit. I have had to get the attention of parents who don't watch their kids, free running dogs, and cyclists who don't keep right or warn me when they pass but heck, nobody is doing 60 mph in a 2000 pound vehicle. Little kids darting across the trail or riding erratically are certainly a nuisance and I slow down and watch them very close because you don't know what they are going to do. I would much rather face a darting kid than a car driven by an inattentive driver.

Cell phones, strollers, roller bladers, Ipods, etc., all things that are on the trail but not much to worry about. I just holler, "on your left" or if they are all over the trail " biker coming". If they don't hear me because they have stuffed their ears with Ipod buds, I slow and holler louder as I approach. As long as I am not along side of them when they sense my presence I'm quite safe.

russ n0bti

--- On Tue, 12/9/08, jimdevenport <w5aox@...> wrote:

From: jimdevenport <w5aox@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 6:28 PM

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while mobile, but only rarely.... even on the straight and level, I
just don't enjoy the heavy breathing, balancing act, working the PTT,
etc. ..... but I DO let the radio run continuously in APRS mode on
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use the old IC-2AT with TinyTrakII.. they keep my speed and positions
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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1846. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-11 03:08:30 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 1827 Message: 1846

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Norm Huber <n9zks@...> wrote:
> When I call "Bicycle Mobile" or "Motorcycle Mobile" I am mobile. I
> currently have a PTT on my bicycle's single ear headset/boom mike cord.
> I originally had PTT that was far enough from the headset that I could
> velcro it to my handlebar and reach it with my thumb without taking my
> hand off of the bars. I'm having trouble finding those anymore.

Norm: Take a look at the Pryme SPM-400A series. Single over-ear boom mike with separate PTT button. I zip tied the button to my handlebars near my right brifter (allowing left hand to be ready to work the front brake) and it worked quite well for in-motion use when I was supporting a local century ride. I just had to remember to take off or disconnect the headset when I got off the bike. You may want foam over the mike to reduce any wind noise. A B/T headset with on-handlebar PTT like the OP asked about would be even better, but I'd be nervous about the headset battery running low on a long ride.

More info here:
http://www.pryme.com/idx.cfm?cmd=_products&productCategoryID=62&step=_2

BTW, most state vehicle laws allow use of headsets on ONE ear.

73 de KS1G Steve

1847. Re: [BMHA] Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-11 05:06:18 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1827 Message: 1847

BrassRat77 wrote:

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Thanks for the model number. That was what I was using before. Guess I
didn't stay close enough to the bike, my old one quit working. I
couldn't find a similar one at the local hamfest's.
A new one is on order as I type.
73
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 72,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
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- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1848. Re: Hands Free Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-13 05:27:06 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1827 Message: 1848

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The SPM-800 Series was our beefier, motorcycle setup...with two speakers to be mounted inside a motorcycle helmet, and a weatherproof PTT for the handlebars.

Just FYI.

Clint Bradford
former sales manager for Pryme Radio Products

1849. Los Angeles Physician vs Cyclists Case - Update

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-13 05:58:53 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1849 Message: 1849

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Clint Bradford

1850. Re: [BMHA] Los Angeles Physician vs Cyclists Case - Update

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-13 16:07:51 UTC
From: ruko
Topic: 1849 Message: 1850

I don't understand why he was not charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon along with the other felonies. I know everybody is innocent etc, etc., but this guy has mostly admitted his actions. I think the doctor is headed for more litigation than just the criminal court.

--- On Fri, 12/12/08, Clint Bradford <clintbrad4d@...> wrote:

From: Clint Bradford <clintbrad4d@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Los Angeles Physician vs Cyclists Case - Update
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, December 12, 2008, 11:58 PM

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1851. Re: [BMHA] Los Angeles Physician vs Cyclists Case - Update

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-13 16:20:41 UTC
From: Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604
Topic: 1849 Message: 1851

You guys are confusing me. There's discussion of this on The East Bay Bicycle Coalition mailing list, too. I'd submit that this is enough off topic to be dropped here.

That being said, this is the common case where cyclists and automobiles conflict. There are just enough counterexamples for me to be hopeful.

73, doug

From: ruko <ruko2001@...>
Date: Sat, 13 Dec 2008 08:07:51 -0800 (PST)

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1852. Keeping posts on-topic: Los Angeles Physician vs Cyclists Case - Update

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-13 18:03:17 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1849 Message: 1852

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Doug Faunt N6TQS <n6tqs@...> wrote:
> I'd submit that this is enough
> off topic to be dropped here.

I agree with Doug. Of initial interest, this topic has now become a more general bicycling discussion. This group is about the ham radio aspects of bicycling (or vice-versa, the bicycling aspects of ham radio.

Although the posts on this topic have been welcome to date, they have run their course as far as a ham-radio themed group is concerned. Since I am one of the group moderators, I'll watch future messages and act accordingly.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone. Put some "happy" miles on the bike and make some "happy" contacts along the way.

73,
- Skip AA6WK

1853. Re: Keeping posts on-topic: Los Angeles Physician vs Cyclists Case - Update

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-14 03:15:21 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1849 Message: 1853

>>...I'll watch future messages and act accordingly...

Sorry to offend anyone. This is the most outlandish anti-bicycle case that the police officers
handling it have ever encountered - and I guess it is just geographically too close to home for me to not publicize it.

BACK TO AMATEUR TOPICS!

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909-241-7666

1854. Re: NEW Uplink Frequency for AO-51

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-15 18:02:40 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1843 Message: 1854

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And we are back to "normal." Stay up-to-date with AO-51's status by visiting the COntrol Team's schedule at...

http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/echo/ControlTeam.php

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1855. Trip to Ohio River

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-15 18:59:33 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1855 Message: 1855

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East Liverpool, Ohio.
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Also looking for bike friendly motel or campgrounds near East Liverpool.
I live near the Western Reserve Greenway in Ashtabula County.
Thank You
Bob

1856. Re: Trip to Ohio River

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-15 19:22:45 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1855 Message: 1856

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1857. Re: Trip to Ohio River

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-15 19:27:33 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1855 Message: 1857

You should read "Low Gear Around Ireland" by Eric Newbe, but I'm not sure about the spelling. It's an ugly bicycle trip and there's a laugh on every page.

72 de Scott/n7net

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1858. Re: [BMHA] Re: Trip to Ohio River

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-15 20:23:14 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1855 Message: 1858

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I am 67 years old and do not like the cold.
Will have to check into APRS.
Sounds interesting, wife would know my location.
Thanks for all replys

Bob (WD8PVB)

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1859. bike tour around Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-16 03:23:34 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1859 Message: 1859

Maybe this is a good time to announce my plans.... I am visiting my brother in Upstate NY in May, so am naturally combining that with a Dayton/FDIM visit around then (what's a few hundred miles and a couple of weeks when you are a retired and an ultramarathon cyclist?).

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73, Barry
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--- On Mon, 12/15/08, BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 715
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, December 15, 2008, 6:13 PM

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Re: Trip to Ohio River

Posted by: "jimdevenport"
w5aox@...

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1860. Re: bike tour around Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-17 03:00:43 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1859 Message: 1860

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...> wrote:
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Barry,

You taking a long bike or a short one?

de Scott/n7net 73

1861. New to Group

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-17 20:43:06 UTC
From: Keith Ballinger
Topic: 1861 Message: 1861

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Regards,
Keith VA3QF
Cambridge, Ontario
CANADA

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1862. RE: [BMHA] New to Group

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-18 01:23:40 UTC
From: Jack R Smith
Topic: 1861 Message: 1862

Keith,

My wife and I ride Terra Trikes, and I sometimes operate VHF from mine. I□ll send some pics to the site soon for you to have a look at. I use a WX2NJ Jurrassic Duck antenna, which works very well for a 2m antenna, flagpole and LED tail-light mount. Also, the tadpole design of the TerraTrike Tour is a very comfortable, stable ride. My wife, Suzy KD5YBF, has had several back surgeries and her MD won□t let her ride a conventional, but actually recommended her to ride the TerraTrikes. Also, UtahTrikes (www.utahtrikes.com) makes a commuter bag which fits neatly behind the seat and can carry a radio, battery and other goodies.

Jack KE4LWT

PS., also look up the WhizWheels owners group on Yahoo. You□d be surprised how many of them are hams!

http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/wwog/?v=1&t=search&ch=web&pub=groups&sec=group&slk=1

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Keith Ballinger
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2008 2:43 PM
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1863. Bents

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-18 01:30:16 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 1863 Message: 1863

I'll be taking the 'half bike' (not the VE7VIE/VA7VIE tandem) for this trip, Scott. The YL isn't riding much because she has vertigo.

So, Keith, I'd like to hear about that inner ear problem. The YL has been unable to do her regular job for 8 months because of undiagnosed vertigo. Do you know what causes yours?

As to your questions, I know that 'bents are very popular with hams, but I don't know much about them, other than they are too slow going up and to fast going down! I have heard that tadpoles are more stable in turns (especially useful when going too fast downhill!). But there are some very light 'bents that are fast uphill, if you want to spend the money (I like the Wind Cheetah - http://www.windcheetah.co.uk/). Green Speeds are nice too: http://www.greenspeed.com.au/. There is a store here in Vancouver (Cambie Cycles) that specializes in 'bents (http://www.cambiecycles.com/).

I beg to differ on your age comment! I'll be 65 in a few weeks and haven't slowed down yet. Ken Bonner is among a few aging Canucks who know how to do it (http://www.ultracycling.com/about/aboutmag.html)! Seriously, anyone can ride any distance - you just have to start slow (and stay slow, like me).

73, Barry
VE7VIE

--- On Wed, 12/17/08, BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 717
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 3:31 PM

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Tue Dec 16, 2008 7:00 pm (PST)

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1864. RE: [BMHA] Bents

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-18 05:29:29 UTC
From: wa9lkd@k0swi.org
Topic: 1863 Message: 1864

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 717
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1865. Re: [BMHA] Bents

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-18 14:12:53 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1863 Message: 1865

I'm with you guys.

My college room mate and I are planning a ride from my home to his in Vonore, TN (Eastern TN) this May.

I'd suggest doing GOBA as a way to see all the different ages, shapes and sizes on bicycles of all types.

Oh, I'm 66.

It's so irrelevant, I almost forgot to mention it.

The hardest part is getting off the couch.

Best,

Bill
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1866. Newsletter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-27 00:56:12 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 243 Message: 1866

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-27 00:57:43 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1867 Message: 1867

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1868. Re: Newsletter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-27 04:24:26 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 243 Message: 1868

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72 de Scott

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-27 04:30:02 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1867 Message: 1869

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-27 16:10:36 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1867 Message: 1871

Hi Norm,

I have a TT-3 (n7net-6) for the bicyle and a TM-D710 (n7net-8) for the pickup.

I haven't particpated in the event you mentioned. It reminded me of the Hilly Chilly in Seattle. The number of bikes was controlled by how many could fit on the Washington State Ferry. Returned in the evening everyone was wearing newspapers on their arms and legs.

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10&radar=***
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1872. re: Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-27 19:10:14 UTC
From: DL
Topic: 1867 Message: 1872

I'll do my best to get my bike(s) out. I'm moving to Dayton on Jan
31. I
guess that will make me "from the area" by then.

I've got a [group, bevy, rack, peloton, {pick one}] of recumbents...both
singles and tandems. And, maybe I can get one of the batteries for my
FT-50s rebuilt for the event. We might be able to outfit someone on a
CycleGenius or my son's mountain bike if they can't bring their own.

Dave
ND4SU

1873. Dayton Hamvention - Bike ride? G-earth link

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-28 21:49:38 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1873 Message: 1873

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I hope that we can get something going this year!
I plan on being there this year and riding if at all possible.

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

1874. Re: Dayton Hamvention - Bike ride? G-earth link

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-29 01:07:11 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1873 Message: 1874

Arnie,

You've got this pretty nailed down.

Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Arnie Grubbs <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
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1875. Re: Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2008-12-29 15:34:25 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1867 Message: 1875

Dave,

That's a very kind offer. I'll look for you at Dayton.

73 de Scott/n7net

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1876. January 1st Bicycle Ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-01 14:55:09 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1876 Message: 1876

I've had a long standing tradition of riding my bicycle on January 1st. For the last 30 years or so, I ride regardless of the weather. Sometimes it's been around the block, down the block while straddling the bike in the deep snow or ice. This year it looks like we will have around 30 degrees so it may be I can get a few miles in. I am going to do it this year on the trike so at least I can't fall over! We still have some ice and snow on the streets here in North Eastern Nebraska.

I started this tradition when I lived in Orange County New York and our bicycle club had a yearly ride called the IceCycle Ride each January 1st.

Let's hear about any other crazy folks that do this on the 1st. Anyone is welcome to join me in South Sioux City, Nebraska today. I am going to sneak the ride in just before the Nebraska-Clemson game. Go Huskers!

Happy New Year to all BMHa'ers

Mike, NF0N

1877. Re: [BMHA] January 1st Bicycle Ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-01 14:59:48 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1876 Message: 1877

We do between 60 and 100 in the hills west of Ft. Worth (actually,
West of Weatherford) every Jan 1.

As you say Mike, it sets the tone for the year.

Happy New Year,

Bill
w8hi
Arlington, TX

On Jan 1, 2009, at 8:55 AM, Mike Nickolaus wrote:

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1878. Re: [BMHA] January 1st Bicycle Ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-01 17:48:13 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 1876 Message: 1878

On my way out the door for my traditional ride. IT's sunny and forty-
something degrees. Yippee! Happy New Year everyone!

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Lauriann Bradford
lb4ems@...

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1879. Re: Dayton Hamvention - Bike ride? G-earth link

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-02 20:03:00 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1873 Message: 1879

Ive brought my Greenspeed to the forum for a few years now and it would be nice for once to go for a ride too :) My vote would be for after the BMHA forum on Sunday. That day is generally pretty empty anyways.

For routes, I cant help much but John KA8ZSB might be able to provide some input since he lives in the area and rides the trails. However since I plan the routes for the local recumbent club, I can provide some thoughts: Since this is purely a social ride, make sure there is plenty of time before and after to chat. For the route, keep it short, easy and preferably scenic. A 20 mile trip at 10MPH avg with a lunch stop would be very pleasant. Even for those who havnt ridden much. Try to avoid busy traffic areas and gravel paths if possible. Make sure the fast riders know to wait up for the rest of the group.

For some ideas of what Ive put together, take a look at my site:
http://www.gmrbc.org/
Since I tend not to read the forum as often as I really should, feel free to email me directly with questions.

stephen kc9eku
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1880. Re: Dayton Hamvention - Bike ride? G-earth link

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-04 12:45:10 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1873 Message: 1880

Hi John,

The route sounds interesting, but I am not too hot on the idea of a Sunday afternoon ride. After the BMHA forum on Sunday, (assuming its on Sunday- no word yet) we have to take off
and head for home. We (there are 2-4 of us car-pooling) have a 750-800 mile drive to get home. Several of us have to work Monday afternoon, so we can't stay to long on Sunday..

I am planning on getting to Dayton Wednesday night, so that we can attend some of the activites at the FDIM gathering.. so maybe something could
be set up for Thursday sometime? Just a thought..! It might be to early
in the week for some who are traveling a long way to get to the Hamvention.

I did notice on google earth that a few of the trails that look like a Rail to Trail conversion, that the surface looks like chipped limestone screenings. If I bring the trike to ride, I would prefer not to ride
on a soft surface.. if we are going to be on a soft surface I'll have to
bring the LWB 2 wheel 'bent. I haven't done much with setting my 2 wheelers up for HF, but I'll have to give it some thought..

Anyhow... we will have to see how this all works out.
We all need to keep up the dialog on this, so something can be set.

I am looking forward to going on a ride while at the Hamvention!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

--- On Sat, 1/3/09, hepnerj <hepnerj@...> wrote:

> Arnie ...
> John, KA8ZSB here. Sounds like a good idea to me.
> There is a
> good trail that runs from Trotwood to Verona. All is
> Rails-to-Trails
> road bed, so relatively flat except for a slight upward
> grade from
> Trotwood to Brookville.
> With permission from Trotwood police, it should be
> reasonable to
> start at Hara, go West on Shiloh Springs, ride south on
> Olive Rd to
> Free Pike, then West to the center of Trotwood where the
> trail begins.
> Round trip to Verona is 25 miles. Robbs Restaurant in
> Brookville is
> a good spot for a meal on the trail, but there are other
> places there.

> Radio equipped bikes can reach 2 repeaters with
> handheld/rubber
> duckie most of the way. Simplex does well too. Better
> antenna will
> increase that.
> There are other trails that could be good, but would
> involve
> driving to a start point from Hara, though that may not be
> a problem
> either.
> I would prefer a Sunday ride, since I'll be doing
> Talk-in on
> Friday & Saturday mornings.
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1881. Re: Dayton Hamvention - Bike ride? G-earth link

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-09 20:10:42 UTC
From: shepner2000
Topic: 1873 Message: 1881

Thats a pretty good drive there. I dont have quite that far to go (only ~400mi) but I agree that would be rough to do with those distances. It probably would be a good idea to avoid a group ride after dark so we wouldnt want to start too late. That leaves Fri and Sat for options. Of the 2, Id much prefer a late afternoon Friday ride. Hows that sound?

stephen kc9eku
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1882. Re: [BMHA] Re: Dayton Hamvention - Bike ride? G-earth link

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-09 20:41:35 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1873 Message: 1882

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> >car-pooling) have a 750-800 mile drive to get home. Several of us
> >have to work Monday afternoon, so we can't stay to long on Sunday..
> [snip]
>

Since there is no information on Forum schedule, I would agree with
that. Perhaps a end of ride (car park for those not riding bicycles to
ride) near a Restaurant would be good so we could sit around, eat and
talk radio.
Sunset will be 8:45 PM so we have time for a ride after the forums for
the day end.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
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1883. Re: Dayton Hamvention - Bike ride? G-earth link

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-10 05:13:21 UTC
From: terrtz
Topic: 1873 Message: 1883

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Arnie Grubbs <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:

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> 73 - Arnie KA0NCR
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< Snip>

Hi Arnie,

Dan, WD8AAU here. And here is in Dayton. I can't claim to have been
on all of out Rail to Trail network, but all of it I have seen has
been paved. Some of the trails are quite new and may have been under
construction when the Google Earth photo was taken.

If a route is planned before the big day, I'm sure we can figure out
which bike you should bring.

See you in May. Maybe at the FDIM get together.

Dan (WD8AAU)

1884. Restoring Trek TX500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-11 04:01:40 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1884 Message: 1884

Found my old 1978 Trex TX500 frameset that I built up l-o-n-g ago out in the barn. It cleaned up really nicely. Photos at ...

http://homepage.mac.com/clintbradford/PhotoAlbum9.html

Haven't installed a radio on it ... yet ... (grin)

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1885. Re: Restoring Trek TX500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-11 04:18:20 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1884 Message: 1885

Clint,

What a great project. You've done a superb job.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Clint Bradford" <clintbrad4d@...> wrote:
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1886. Re: Restoring Trek TX500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-11 17:49:07 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1884 Message: 1886

> What a great project. You've done a superb job.

Thank you, Scott. But you have to thank my wife - who bought me the cool Dremel toolkit a couple years ago ... (grin)

Dremel offers a great Polishing Kit ... and also a separate (I think a newer accessory) wire
brush wheel that is made from soft-enough metal to polish and not eat up metal and aluminum parts.

Every part was removed from the frame, because I thought it was going to need refinishing: It had a dulled, grey-ish sheen to it. But after removing all parts and gently using hot water
and plain old soap to it, that DuPont Imron came right back!

It was a satisfying project ... thanks for your message.

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1887. RE: [BMHA] Restoring Trek TX500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-11 23:44:22 UTC
From: Jack R Smith
Topic: 1884 Message: 1887

Wonderful restoration, Clint! Where you riding it to next? Get you an antique radio to put on it, too!

Jack KE4LWT

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Clint Bradford
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 10:02 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Restoring Trek TX500

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1888. Dayton Hamvention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-12 19:27:04 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1888 Message: 1888

I have been contacted by the Hamvention forum chairman asking if we are interested in a forum at the 2009 Hamvention. I indicated BMHA would like to host a forum again in 2009 asking for 1 1/2 hours again on Sunday morning. This is our usual forum time and has worked quite well in past years. The chairman indicated they will notify us by February 15th as to our request. Since our time is on Sunday we usually don't have a problem with our forum and would expect it to be approved.

Anyone who would like to offer their services to be a speaker or presentor at our BMHA forum please contact me to discuss details. Speakers will receive a Hamvention pass in addition to feeling good about being helpful!

I notice quite a bit of interest in a bike ride during the Hamvention and hope someone will take the ball and run with it and organize it.

We are also looking for newsletter articles for a new issue and if enough have articles, an issue prior to the Hamvention is possible. Send your articles to n9zks@... or myself.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer
Hamvention Forum Moderator

1889. Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-15 00:24:46 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1889 Message: 1889

As you may know, BMHA is an affiliated Bicycle Club of Adventure Cycling. I have received two vouchers for a one year membership to Adventure Cycling to be given to two of our members. If you are a member of BMHA and are interested in one of the memberships, please send me an email indicating an interest. I will randomly select two from the emails and send the vouchers to the winners. Please send me your email by January 23rd to be considered. Additionaly, Adventure Cycling sent eight Special Issues and those will be sent to an additional eight winners.

Please send your email directo to me at: nf0n@...

Remember this is for BMHA members, you must be in the BMHA database to be considered. If you are a YahooGroup BMHA user, this is different than the BMHA database. You would have sent in a membership form if you are in the BMHA membership database.

Good Luck,

Mike, NF0N

BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

1890. RE: [BMHA] Restoring Trek TX500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-11 23:48:32 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 1884 Message: 1890

Great work on restore.

73 Tom WDØBFO

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jack R Smith
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 5:44 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Restoring Trek TX500

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Jack KE4LWT

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1891. Re: [BMHA] Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-15 04:28:06 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1889 Message: 1891

Nice perk.

Users can check their BMHA database status at
http://www.BMHA-Hams.org/Content/membership.asp

(this message was NOT sent to the Yahoo!group. Please feel free to forward
it if you feel appropriate.)

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 4:24 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special
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1892. Re: [BMHA] Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-15 18:26:58 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1889 Message: 1892

Hi Skip.

How are you anyway?

Best,

Bill

On Jan 14, 2009, at 10:28 PM, BMHA-Webmaster wrote:

> Nice perk.
>
> Users can check their BMHA database status at
> http://www.BMHA-Hams.org/Content/membership.asp
>
> (this message was NOT sent to the Yahoo!group. Please feel free to
> forward
> it if you feel appropriate.)
>
> - Skip
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...>
> To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 4:24 PM
> Subject: [BMHA] Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or
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1893. BMHA Dayton Bike ride - Show and tell!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-22 21:07:49 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1893 Message: 1893

Hi Group,

Well, looks like no one is going to just "Jump In There" to help plan and organize this, so I guess I will give it a go if no one else (some one closer ?) wants to speak up and give it a try.

After talking with a few people, I think that the best time would be Saturday afternoon with a start time of about 3-4 PM.

This should give people a fair amount of time all day Friday and Saturday morning and part of the afternoon to check out the Hamvention. The ride lenght and speed will be up to the individual. The trail should provide about 20+ miles of travel if you wish to go to each end.
I hope that we can have a period of time for 'show and tell' of everyones 'rolling ham shack' and get on the air for a QSO!

Looking at the trails near the Hara convention center on Google Earth it looks like the Wolf Creek trail is nicely located.

It looks like a very easy ride on paved surface with a few street crossings but no rideing 'with' traffic. There are some places to stop for food and drink along the trail too.

Starting point could either be at the trail head at the change over point of Shiloh springs road and Air Hill Road. This is about 6 miles west of the Hara Convention Center on Shiloh springs RD. There is off street trail head parking but no 'facilitys'.

OR we could start at the trail head at the intersection of Arlington Rd and Upper Lewisburg Salem Rd, which is just off I-70 at Brookville. This trail head has more parking, several places to eat near by, and is about 4 miles from the first trail head I mentioned.

A firm start time and Location will be posted as the date draws near.

Looking to hear from the group, I hope that we can have a great turn out!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

1894. Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-25 17:06:08 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1889 Message: 1894

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1895. Re: [BMHA] Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-25 17:34:20 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1889 Message: 1895

Hey Mike,

Thanks.

Good fun and appreciative work on your part.

Bill
w8hi

On Jan 25, 2009, at 11:06 AM, Mike Nickolaus wrote:

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1896. Re: [BMHA] Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-25 17:45:10 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 1889 Message: 1896

Thank You Mike,
Now if the weather would only warm up.
My Cycle Genius wants to roll.
Bob (WD8PVB)

--- On Sun, 1/25/09, Mike Nickolaus <nf0n@...> wrote:

From: Mike Nickolaus <nf0n@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, January 25, 2009, 12:06 PM

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1897. Re: [BMHA] Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-25 17:45:18 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 1889 Message: 1897

Mike,

Thank you very much.

72 de Scott/n7net/qrp
NAQCC 2213
FISTS 8879
SKCC 1964
CTC 1.945
Wireless Pioneers 5706-TA
FPQRP 2446

--- On Sun, 1/25/09, Mike Nickolaus <nf0n@...> wrote:

From: Mike Nickolaus <nf0n@arrl.net>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, January 25, 2009, 11:06 AM

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1898. BMHA Dayton Hamvention Forum Approved

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-26 03:12:07 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1898 Message: 1898

I have just been informed that we have been approved for a forum at the Dayton Hamvention. Although I don't have the exact time, it will be on Sunday May 17th. This will be our 19th BMHA forum at Dayton.

Program and details to follow, I am certainly open to ideas.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

1899. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Dayton Hamvention Forum Approved

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-27 02:03:31 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1898 Message: 1899

I've made an update to the main BMHA page.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2009 7:12 PM
Subject: [BMHA] BMHA Dayton Hamvention Forum Approved

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1900. Re: [BMHA] Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-27 02:13:55 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1889 Message: 1900

I also put this information onto our BMHA main page.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2009 9:06 AM
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1901. RE: [BMHA] Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-01-27 03:51:15 UTC
From: Jack R Smith
Topic: 1889 Message: 1901

Thanks from me and Suzy. I guess now I'll really have to get off my duff and contribute an article or two for the newsletter as pay-back!

Jack KE4LWT

(and Suzy KD5YBF)

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of BMHA-Webmaster
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 8:14 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Opportunity for a Free Adventure Cycling Voucher or Special Issue
Importance: Low

I also put this information onto our BMHA main page.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@... <mailto:nf0n%40arrl.net> >
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com <mailto:BMHA%40yahoogroups.com> >
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1902. Dayton Hamvention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-02-11 16:25:43 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1888 Message: 1902

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Thanks,

Mike, NF0N

BMHA Hamvention forum moderator

1903. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-02-11 17:09:27 UTC
From: david starkie
Topic: 1888 Message: 1903

Hi Mike,
just thought I would drop you a line as regards bike mobile.
I have been working HF SSB bicycle mobile for about 5 years and I rally enjoy it and get great results working from close to the sea where I live.
I would love to bring my bike to Dayton, but it would take me a bit too long to pedal over there!
Anyhow, please take a look at the set-up on www.qrz.com/g4akc
Good luck with the convention.

Best of 73's ...

Dave Starkie G4AKC ....

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1904. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-02-12 00:01:53 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1888 Message: 1904

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Well, I'll be bring my bike and it will be the road bike this year.
I'm tempted to figure out how to pack it and go ride with David, G4AKC
sometime. Maybe I should take my old Metcalf frame and return it to the
shop for repairs and then ride it afterward. Trouble is I can't afford
the Campy kit anymore.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 72,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1905. Tuner Suggestions?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-02-13 20:25:29 UTC
From: DrRodney
Topic: 1905 Message: 1905

I'm looking at getting an autotuner to use on the bike with my FT-817. I've been using a manual Emtech ZM-2, which I like, but it was destroyed in an accident, and I'd like to look at auto tuning options. I've looked at the Elecraft T1 and the LDG Z-817. The Z-817 looks bulkier. I was hoping to find something I could band right to the radio to keep it secure. Any suggestions on either of these products or another option?

Thanks!

Rod, NA9N

1906. Re: [BMHA] Tuner Suggestions?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-02-13 23:59:39 UTC
From: Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604
Topic: 1905 Message: 1906

At least one person has installed the T1 in the battery compartment of
the radio, IIRC.

And I think I have a T1 kit sitting around here taking up space.
If you're interested in it at a good price, let me know.

73, doug

From: "DrRodney" <rod@...>
Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2009 20:25:29 -0000

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1907. Re: Dayton Hamvention Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-02-18 14:07:52 UTC
From: ab9m_7
Topic: 1888 Message: 1907

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...> wrote:
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> For most years we have had formal programs at the Hamvention BMHA
> forum. I am considering for this year having as many as possible
> bicycle displays of Radio/Bicycle setup's. How many of you would be
> interested in bringing your bicycle radio setup to Dayton this year?
> Since there are plans to have a bicycle ride on Saturday, would you
> also be interested in displaying your setup at the Sunday forum?
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> We could have a short BMHA introduction and then let everyone display
> their setup and let everyone get a real close look at the diffferent
> techniques we have.
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> Let's have some discussion about this and then I can make a decision
as
> to which way to go. If you prefer the formal presentations let me
know.
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> Thanks,
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> Mike, NF0N
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> BMHA Hamvention forum moderator
>
Have you considered inviting any of the bike/trike manufacturers to
display one or more of their products configured "radio ready"? I will
have a Wizwheelz Teratrike Cruiser
<http://www.terratrike.com/cruiser.php> configured for 2M APRS
and 2M/70CM FM mobile but doubt that I will bring it.... may bring
digital
pictures instead.
73,
Gary - AB9M <www.csm-gh.com>

1908. Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride... website update

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-02-27 20:30:12 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 1908 Message: 1908

Hi Group!

A little more info on the ride is now available on the
www.BMHA-HAMS.org website.

It shows some links to the trail's web site, and a couple of .jpgs
that I hope will be of use to figure out how to get to the trail head!

I hope we have a good turn out, I am looking forward to seeing a lot
of cool rolling hamshacks!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

1909. Dayton Hamvention Forum Approved

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-05 16:04:34 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1909 Message: 1909

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Date: May 17, 2009
Time: 0930-1115
Room: Room 4

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1910. Thank you

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-05 19:55:28 UTC
From: n8ybz
Topic: 1910 Message: 1910

..Thank you for letting me in the group Thom n8ybz NM

1911. Re: Thank you

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-05 23:07:20 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1910 Message: 1911

Thom,

We've very glad to have you aboard. Are you already an experienced radio active cyclist, or are you getting started? Whatever the case, there are host of folks here who share your interest.

73 de Scott/n7net
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1912. Garmin 530 GPS/RADIO

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-05 23:26:58 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 1912 Message: 1912

Will am Tech license cover the Garmin 530 GPS/Radio usage. I wonder if there is any other Ham-based radio that are like the Garmin 530. I have pick this radio for my triking on my Catrike.

1913. Re: [BMHA] Re: Thank you

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-06 01:51:02 UTC
From: Thom Pitt
Topic: 1910 Message: 1913

Scott, will I am trying to get back into riding again after being on the sidelines for a little over a year and half. I have Sun bike and a Schwinn child haler that I am making into a radio shack I hope to start riding soon. n8ybz 73 Thom

buggie

From: Scott Laughlin <n7net@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2009 4:07:20 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Thank you

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1914. RE: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention Forum Approved

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-06 14:23:13 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1909 Message: 1914

I have updated the website.

- Skip AA6WK

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Mike Nickolaus
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 8:05 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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1915. Re: Dayton Hamvention Forum Approved

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-06 15:10:29 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 1909 Message: 1915

Off Topic... How do edit a post once it has posted?

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "BMHA-Webmaster" <BMHA-Webmaster@...> wrote:
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1916. VOX or ANT. SWITCH

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-09 04:15:56 UTC
From: n8ybz
Topic: 1916 Message: 1916

I am looking for a way to hook up a Military head set on the bicycle. 73 Thom n8ybz

1917. What was I thinking

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-09 13:42:49 UTC
From: n8ybz
Topic: 1917 Message: 1917

That should have been VOX OR TX switch sorry. 73 n8ybz Thom

1918. Contact your Governor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-10 15:32:15 UTC
From: Bela Ryan
Topic: 1918 Message: 1918

Tell your Governor to Build Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities with Economic Recovery Funding

Congress set aside funding for the transportation enhancement program, which funds bicycle and pedestrian projects. However, they also gave states a time limit. States must identify which projects they want to fund, and to obligate the funding to those projects.
http://www.americabikes.org/docs/TE_funding_by_state.pdf

If states do not do so, they will have to give back the money.

CALL or WRITE your Governor now to ensure that important bicycle and pedestrian projects get built, and the funding is not wasted.

On Monday, March 2, 2009, America Bikes sent each of the Governors a letter requesting they obligate their transportation enhancement funding in a timely manner.

Now we need you to follow up: CALL your Governor now to ensure that important bicycle and pedestrian projects get built, and the funding is not wasted.

Take Action!
http://capwiz.com/lab/issues/alert/?alertid=12859566&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id]

1919. REF: Tuner Suggestions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-20 05:54:14 UTC
From: n8ybz
Topic: 1919 Message: 1919

I like my Z 100 by L D G Electronics very low power use will work on 2 9 volts btrys. or 12 v dc 73 Thom n8ybz

1920. Wanted small radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-20 05:47:48 UTC
From: n8ybz
Topic: 1920 Message: 1920

I am looking for a small Radio MFJ 9420 or Ramsey S X 20 or something like that. 73 n8ybz

1921. 10 meters

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-21 18:09:49 UTC
From: n8ybz
Topic: 1921 Message: 1921

I am going for a ride around the Deming NM area and will be on 28.400 if you care to call.
73 n8ybz

1922. What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-21 22:32:05 UTC
From: Almir
Topic: 1922 Message: 1922

Hi.. I would like to use on mm bike my 10 meter SSB handie-talkie (Cherokee AH-100) but I rather use an external antenna mounted on the bike to increase the efficiency of the signal. Any ideas or recommendations? Thanks. Alvin WP4IDK

1923. Re: [BMHA] What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-22 15:52:16 UTC
From: Denny Voorhees
Topic: 1922 Message: 1923

I'd use either a Hamstick or modified helically wound modified CB antenna. There are lots of mounting options available. I did one on a rack mounted on the back of my trike. I think I'd add a 10 foot counterpoise connected to the antenna base and run along the bike frame to add just a measure more effiecency. 10 meters is looking better each day now. Will the Cherokee accept an external speaker-mike?
Denny AD3O
----- Original Message -----
From: Almir
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 6:32 PM
Subject: [BMHA] What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

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1924. Re: [BMHA] What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-22 17:05:46 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1922 Message: 1924

Alvin,

You might consider "bigger is always better" in antennas, so if it's longer, it's going to radiate better.

More important, you'll hear better unless the skip is in and then, it's just monkeys in a barrel fun regardless what you're using.

Considering a 5/8 wave outperforms a 1/4 wave on 2, that may be another consideration.

Also, having no coils but rather a simple whip will help too.

I've had good luck using a ground plane (my bike's carbon fiber) or making a good contact with a steel frame - bare metal to bare metal and using the whole bike as a counterpoise.

Best,

Bill
w8hi

On Mar 21, 2009, at 5:32 PM, Almir wrote:

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1925. Re: [BMHA] What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-22 16:50:02 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 1922 Message: 1925

If you want minimum "tree whacking," Larson makes a 10 meter version
of their base loaded CB antenna.

The counter-poise you offer on a bike is the same whether a Hamstick,
102" whip, or the Larson. You could rework a K40 or other CB antenna
designed for deck mounting or use one cut for the commercial low-band
.
Len Revelle N9IJ
n9ij@...

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1926. Re: What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-22 15:49:10 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 1922 Message: 1926

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Almir" <alfa011@...> wrote:
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I find a Antron A-99 mounted to the back fender works really good J/K.

I've had good luck with a 102" whip and a cheap clamp mount on the frame for 10 meter mobile. If the 102" is more than you want to do, Larsen makes some NMO style base loaded whips that are pretty short (compared to the 102" that is).

N5FOG

1927. Re: What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-23 23:44:03 UTC
From: Almir
Topic: 1922 Message: 1927

Hello.
I am very thankful for the response I have received from all of you.

I think then that the best option for me will be using a 102" s/s whip attached to the frame with a homemade bracket attached to the wheel quick release.

I was planning to use it in my full carbon road bike (I am a roadie) but then an aluminum MTB would be better for my application for the frame to act as the counterpoise.

The AH-100 does not have an external microphone unfortunately. But still it is quite manageable if you do your hamming with the bike stationary.

Thank you all again.

Best regards from the tropics.

Alvin Mirabal WP4IDK

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Almir" <alfa011@...> wrote:
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1928. Re: [BMHA] What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-24 12:09:54 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1922 Message: 1928

Alvin,

I neglected to mention that using a half wave antenna (either a Larson base coil loaded whip or the full size half wave, 102-104" you're considering) will require a resonant feed line.

For 2 meters, that would be around 57".

Interestingly, Larsen makes that feed line specifically for bicycle mobile amateur radio work. It includes BNC connector and sleeve at the radio end. However, they would be happy to substitute that connector with whatever you want.

You can also ask them to add an NMO connector at the other end.

We tested this and other set-ups on GOBA some 12 years ago and came up with what is called the GBR-1 and GBR-2, the latter being for a tandem bike with a longer feed line requirement.

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1929. Re: [BMHA] What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-24 12:15:42 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1922 Message: 1929

Better, Alvin,

Because you have a carbon fiber bike as I do . . .

See if this gives you some more insight:

You would want to do a similar thing but at 10 meters.

Again, Larsen engineering will work with you on the feed line, even to the point of calculating the feed line length for the frequency on which you want to operate.

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1930. What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-25 00:52:40 UTC
From: alfa011@prtc.net
Topic: 1922 Message: 1930

Hi Bill:

Thanks for the .pdf on the Larsen 2 meter set up.
You have opened a world of possibilities.
I am right now at the Larsen page (very impressive products) and I am at the
"low band page" (
http://www.larsen-antennas.com/docfiles/ASB8/Mobile/LowMidBand.pdf).

Bill, which model do you feel will work for my purposes?

Regards.

Alvin

By the way.. what's your road bike? Mine is a Look KG-461. If you want you can
reply directly to my personal e-mail address as we can detour into more
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alfa011 at prtc dot net

Quoting Bill <GOBA@...>:

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1931. Re: [BMHA] What 10 meter antenna to mount in a bike? WP4IDK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-25 01:41:55 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1922 Message: 1931

I think you should go with the biggest thing you can get your hands on
which would be the 102- 104 inch whip, if that works for you.

If Larsen has that, go with that.

Otherwise, go with the longest, biggest thing Larsen has for 10 Meters.

Then, call them and ask for "engineering."

Then ask that person to give you the proper length feed line for a
half wave antenna.

Tell them what you are doing and what you want.

They, the engineer, will give you the appropriate feed line.

I say this because we've had such good support from them on GOBA.

Feel free to mention GOBA and my name.

Although they were bought out by another company, they still have the
same people, who are more than accommodating.

Be sure to get a sleeve on the radio end of the cable as that's the
most worrysome part or section of the whole set-up.

If you have any issues at all, let me know and maybe I can help.

Again, get the biggest, longest, without a coil if possible antenna,
with an NMO mount as that's pretty universal for any other antenna you
might want to mount.

Hope I'm being of some help.

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1932. Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-26 22:14:34 UTC
From: w0rmt
Topic: 1932 Message: 1932

Greetings all-

I'm thinking that this is the year I will finally mount some type of antenna on my bike(s) (or at least one of them) for both vhf and uhf work with the HT. Having read some of the fine articles from the GOBA folks (such as http://www.gobahams.org/how_to_wire_a_bike.pdf) about using Larsen 1/2 wave antennas for 2m got me thinking.

How have folks mounted antennas on their bikes for both vhf and uhf? I'm aware of the "Jurassic Duck" style dual band J-poles enclosed in cpvc, but I'd rather have a much slimmer, lower profile, whip-type antenna. Weight is also an issue: the lighter the better. Do folks use dual band antennas that are 1/2 wave on 2m and 5/8 wave on 440? If so, would the 440 side behave without a ground plane? I don't think so. I suppose I could just use one band or the other and change out antennas and feedlines when I want to change bands, but this isn't practical for long rides away from home.

Other options?

Thanks in advance.

73 de Bud
W0RMT

1933. Re: Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-26 22:37:16 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1932 Message: 1933

I have the Diamond NR770HB dual-band antenna and like it very well. It is 1/2 wave on 2 meters and 2 5/8 on 440. It has good gain, solid on a bike and folds over for transport. I also use it on my car. You can get it in UHF or NMO mount and in nickel or black finish. I have had one for at least 10 years and it still works well and mechanically still solid. Think it is about 41 inches tall and I have a small flag on the top of it. My mount is a homemade stainless steel plate bolted to my rear rack. Cost is in the $50-$60 range depending on where you purchase it. Here is a link to the page:
http://www.rfparts.com/diamond/nr770hb.html

Mike, NF0N

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1934. Re: Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-26 22:48:43 UTC
From: w0rmt
Topic: 1932 Message: 1934

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So it works OK on 440 w/o a ground plane? I've had the Diamond NR73BNMO on my truck for years and really like it. Electrically the same antenna, but lower power rating and a bit shorter. Perhpas I'll build a mount and just run a test with my existing NR73BNMO off the truck.

Thanks for the reply.

73 de Bud
W0RMT

1935. Re: Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-26 23:16:23 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1932 Message: 1935

Here's a couple links to my descriptions of my homebrew bike-mobile J pole setup:
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/W5AOX%20APRS%20BikeMobile.html
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg
Not only is the J pole a superior performer but it attracts attention as well, a PLUS on a bicycle.
Only disadvantage I note: Requires occasional maintenance (Every 2 or 3 months in my usage patterns)
Most 144 MHZ J poles will exhibit a usable SWR at 440, though not stellar performance (who knows what the pattern is). I usually have my TH-D7 set up for APRS on 144.390 on one side and my 444.150 remote base on the other.
Jim W5AOX

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-26 23:36:06 UTC
From: w0rmt
Topic: 1932 Message: 1936

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> http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg

Jim-

thanks for the links and info. I have built a similar j-pole before for a cruiser/neighborhood bike and it performed well. However, for the current application I'm thinking of my road bikes, which I ride long distances (~100 miles/day) on organized rides. J-poles are simply too big and cumbersome for this application, at least for me. I'm also not interested in attracting any more attention than I already do in my colorful bike kit, which I think is enough. That's why I'm trying to go low-profile with a whip. The less noticeable, the better, and the lighter, the better.

73 de Bud
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1937. Re: [BMHA] Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-27 00:21:29 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 1932 Message: 1937

I've ben playing around with the idea of putting a mobile antenna on my mountain bike this year for VHF/UHF.

I was thinking of putting a rack on the back of the bike... and then mounting a mirror mount onto the rack. Now most mirror mounts have a 3/8-24 thread mount on it... so I would drill it out so I could put one of those 2" SO-239 barrel connectors on it.

The antenna that I have that I was thinking about using is a Diamond CR627B tri-band antenna (1/4 wave on 6m, 1/4-1/4-1/4 on 2m, and 5/8-5/8-5/8 on 70cm). The antennas offers 2.15dBi on 6m, 4.5dBi on 2m, and 7.2dBi on 70cm.

Now when I bought this antenna years ago... Diamond advertised that "most" of their antennas were "ground independent"... they didn't require any additional groundplane. This antenna was advertised as such... except for 6m which required a groundplane. I was thinking that maybe the bike would be enough of a groundplane for 6m.

For battery... I made up a NiMh battery. I went to Radio Shack and bought four of their 8 AA battery holders. I then bought a bunch of 2600mAh AA batteries off of eBay. I put 8 batteries into each battery holder and wired the 8 battery holders in parallel. This give me a battery that is 9.6v and about 10.4Ah.... which is good since most of my radios will give me 5w output using 7.2v (VX-5R, VX-7R, VX-8R), 7.4v (TH-F6A), or 9.6v (TH-D7A, FT-817).

This would work well with my Yaesu VX-7R. I guess I could buy a 2m/1.25m/70cm tri-band mobile antenna to put on the mount if I were to use the Kenwood TH-F6A for 223 MHz. I would like to figure a way to mount and use my FT-817 so it wouldn't take a beating on the bike when going over bumps and so on.

Has anyone else tried a similar type of setup???

Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

-------Original Message-------

From: w0rmt
Date: 3/26/2009 6:14:45 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

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1938. RE: [BMHA] Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-27 14:04:12 UTC
From: Stephen M. Shearer
Topic: 1932 Message: 1938

My plan is to mount my dual band Larson to the "luggage" rack on the back of the bike. Since I use a saddle bag, I plan on using 1/4 wave radials (with springs). I expect the rack will act as part of the ground plane and I may try "tape measure" radials as they will flex and return to shape.
Another option? Rather than cutting the coax to an odd 1/4 wavelength... Try beads on the coax to define the first 1/4 wavelength - on 440 it will be 3/4 wavelength.
73, Steve WB3LGC

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of w0rmt
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2009 6:15 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

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1939. Re: Question about vhf/uhf bike mobile setup

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-27 15:03:36 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1932 Message: 1939

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> I've ben playing around with the idea of putting a mobile antenna
> on my mountain bike this year for VHF/UHF.

Here's pictures of my setup ... Larsen NMO dual-band whip ...

http://www.k6lcs.com

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1940. Lido LM-1000EXP Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-03-31 16:49:41 UTC
From: Tim
Topic: 1940 Message: 1940

I was looking through the latest AES catalog and saw and advertisement for Lido Mounts and noticed that they have one for bikes, the LM-1000EXP. AES has it in stock for $20 but I can't seem to find any additional information on it.

Has anyone in the group used this mount? If so what did you think about it and how securely did it hold the HT in place? Also, does anyone know what type of material this is made out of?

Thanks for any help and 73,
Tim
KC9FSH

1941. Re: [BMHA] Lido LM-1000EXP Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-01 10:16:40 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1940 Message: 1941

Tim,

Give Jim a call at :

888-550-LIDO (5436)

or e-mail :

jim@...

Best,

Bill
w8hi
Ft. Worth

On Mar 31, 2009, at 11:49 AM, Tim wrote:

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1942. Re: Lido LM-1000EXP Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-01 10:50:48 UTC
From: Kevin GIlday
Topic: 1940 Message: 1942

Tim

I use Ram Mounts for my HT and my Garmin NUVI200W. They both work fantastic.

The only caveat is that you should use a velcro wrap around the HT, never trust the belt clip.

I use a Yaseu FT60R and a Bendix EPH. The Bendix doesn't have a belt clip so I use my nylon holster attached to the mount.

Take care
Kevin
KD8GVM
Metro Detroit

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1943. Mounting options for the yeasu vx-8r

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-01 11:11:07 UTC
From: Christopher Lee F.
Topic: 1943 Message: 1943

Hey guys,

My name's Chris, I'm a pretty recent member to BMHA. Not new to bikes and I was introduced to ham at an early age (8 or so). I'm studying for my tech exam.

Bought a Vx-8r that i use for scanning and geo-caching. which i intend to mount on my touring bike.

So my question is...
What are my options for mounting this thing? I've looked around a bit and am just not sure what the best option is.

Thanks guys! great group!

See you on the road!

Christopher.

1944. Re: Lido LM-1000EXP Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-02 06:38:04 UTC
From: Tim
Topic: 1940 Message: 1944

Thanks for the responses. I couldn't find any reviews online, but I did find some fairly decent pictures which led me to deciding to order this mount. I figured it's $20, so the loss won't be too bad if it's not a great mount. It should be coming ,from AES, tomorrow so if the weather cooperates this weekend I'll put it to use and then post a small review.

Thanks for the tip about the velcro, I'll be sure to do that.

73,
Tim
KC9FSH
Appleton, WI

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1945. Re: Mounting options for the yeasu vx-8r

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-02 20:29:03 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1943 Message: 1945

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Here's one of my bike's setups, with RAM product numbers ...

http://www.k6lcs.com

Go to the PHOTOS page, and then BIKE MOBILE.

Clint Bradford
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1946. Mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-04 17:47:24 UTC
From: Dave VanHorn
Topic: 1946 Message: 1946

I'm looking for a source for mounting brackets, like the KlickFix brackets used on these Novara bags:
http://www.rei.com/product/782722

Obviously I could buy a bag and sacrifice it, but I'm hoping there's a better way.

What I'm after, is to use the bracket to mount a pelican 1150 case, containing my radio gear.

Or, if someone knows of something like this that already exists, that would be cool too.. Hard-shell, handle, quick-release.

I'm planning to put the radio, GPS, battery, etc all in the box, with only minimal connectors to the outside.

1947. Re: Mounting options for the yeasu vx-8r

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-06 10:53:55 UTC
From: Christopher Lee F.
Topic: 1943 Message: 1947

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Thanks again!
Christopher Lee.

1948. Re: Mounting options for the yeasu vx-8r

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-06 14:19:55 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1943 Message: 1948

Some microphone clips have a spring detent inside that "traps" the microphone so it doesn't just flop out. Even a more normal "U" shaped mic hanger should work...
On my TH-D7 bicycle mobile setup I don't use a mic clip, and maybe one day I will find a more satisfactory solution. My ultimate desire is to have a PTT switch of some kind clamped to the handlebar, wired to a small wiring harness that will allow quick disconnect of the radio etc. and allow me to use a modified cell phone ear-hanger earpiece/mic instead of the mobile HT speaker-mike which, in spite of having a strong lexan spring clip on the back, tends to work its way loose from wherever it's clipped. Clint's hook looks like a satisfactory method for the mic with dangling coil cord.
Mine occasionally has gone floppity-bop and while very frustrating to have to pull over and stop and rescue the mic, it somehow has never gone through the spokes and the then-unavoidable self destruction.
Bouncing off the pavement isn't good for my microphone, but at least it hasn't wound itself around the front wheel hub HI :?)
I tend to hook the first loop of my mic's coil cord around my finger or a ridge on the handlebar grip while riding...
I also think the RAM mounts are the way to go. Very durable, obviously designed for real use (They have accommodation for accessing the accessory jacks etc. on the TH-D7 model), and very reasonably priced.
W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800

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1949. 2/440 antenna for luggage rack?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-19 09:59:53 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 1949 Message: 1949

Guys, I'm looking for some ideas on a good 2/440 antenna with an NMO mount or something that I can fasten to the luggage rack easily for other applications like from bike to bike?

Thanks -

Jeff KE7OUR

1950. Re: 2/440 antenna for luggage rack?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-19 13:05:57 UTC
From: n3kqx
Topic: 1949 Message: 1950

I use a Diamond NR770HA on my bike, and have the NMO version on my car. I like it, although it didn't get a lot of good reviews on Eham.net (whatever that's worth). The tilt-over function is useful when bringing the bike inside or parking it at a rack.

http://www.rfparts.com/diamond/nr770hnmo.html

For mounting, since it doesn't need a ground plane, I used the HRKS mount. It is a simple sticky backed mount, but I added a few self tapping screws to beef it up.

http://www.rfparts.com/diamond/hrks.html

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1951. Re: [BMHA] 2/440 antenna for luggage rack?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-19 12:50:14 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1949 Message: 1951

hi jeff,
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of the luggage rack, you might be able to use a trunk lip mount. the one
that i used has 4 set screws that hold quite well. a homebrew approach could
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is a good place to get such things in shorter homebrew lengths. biggest
harware store in the world from what i've been able to see, and riendly to
small orders.

best,
joe n1khb
www.tinyurl.com/n1khb

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1952. Re: [BMHA] 2/440 antenna for luggage rack?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-19 17:58:10 UTC
From: cthongklin@aol.com
Topic: 1949 Message: 1952

-----Original Message-----
From: N1KHB@...
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sun, 19 Apr 2009 7:50 am
Subject: Re: [BMHA] 2/440 antenna for luggage rack?

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best,

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www.tinyurl.com/n1khb

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1953. Re: [BMHA] 2/440 antenna for luggage rack?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-20 03:25:04 UTC
From: Mark J. Dulcey
Topic: 1949 Message: 1953

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I've had success with mounts designed for truck mirrors. I've used two over the years and find them easy to attach to my rear rack; the rods used by the racks are close enough in diameter to the tubing used in mirror mounts. The mounts are available at ham radio stores and large hamfests; you can get them with 1/4 screw, NMO, and various other sorts of antenna connection.

You can attach it either along one of the sides (which can interfere with panniers depending on position) or at the back (which interferes with mounting a reflector).

1954. Article on the History of Bicycling

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-20 23:11:07 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1954 Message: 1954

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Mike, NF0N

1955. Re: Article on the History of Bicycling

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-21 16:32:22 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1954 Message: 1955

You can even do specific searches for different kinds of bicycles, trips, etc.... such as including the search term "ham radio"....
There are a few of us amongst the other fanaticks in crazyguyonabike.com -
Jim W5AOX

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1956. New Blog!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-22 17:40:02 UTC
From: jfelts13
Topic: 1956 Message: 1956

I hope you guys don't mind me doing this but I've started a blog that tells about my adventures in getting my trike set up for hamming. Briefly its a Sun Bike a trike. The plan is to put a IC-706 on it with either a Hamstick or Buddystik. The blog is at:http://nr5abikeblog.blogspot.com/ Please look at it and even follow it.

Jerry - NR5A

1957. Re: New Blog!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-22 23:38:07 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1956 Message: 1957

Jerry,

This would be a great opportunity for a newsletter story. I'm especially interested in your use of a 706. I' too' have one and it uses 1.5 amps at idle.

Speaking for myself, I'm very interested in the entire setup.

73 de Scott/n7net

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1958. Re: [BMHA] 2/440 antenna for luggage rack?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-23 17:05:15 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 1949 Message: 1958

Jeff Newton wrote:
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> Guys, I'm looking for some ideas on a good 2/440 antenna with an NMO
> mount or something that I can fasten to the luggage rack easily for
> other applications like from bike to bike?
>

Look at the spring newsletter from last year or the pictures in the new newsletter when posted. I wrote an article on how I built my setup. Both the track and road bike will be at Dayton again this year if you want a closeup look.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 74,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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1959. Re: [BMHA] 2/440 antenna for luggage rack?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-24 11:32:52 UTC
From: WS8E
Topic: 1949 Message: 1959

You might find some ideas in the article in the Feb. 2005 QST.

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1960. Re: 2/440 mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-24 15:08:31 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 1960 Message: 1960

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Good Luck
73
Jim
W1RO/7

1961. The latest newsletter and information for Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-25 21:20:45 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1961 Message: 1961

The latest newsletter has just been sent (via email) to the BMHA member list. As a membership incentive, we will give this a week of "first delivery" and then publish the newsletter on our website at http://BMHA-Hams.org.

Lots of good stuff about Dayton and the bicycle ride which is planned.

After May 5th, you should see the newsletter on the website and a pointer to it here on this forum. Or, if you are already a member of BMHA (see the registration form at http://BMHA-Hams.org/Info/Info-MembershipApplication.htm -- it is free), you should have the newsletter in your mailbox by the time you read this message.

The weather here is California is beautiful. I don't have time to ride today, but I sure wish . . . . It doesn't get much better.

1962. HUH???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-26 14:45:03 UTC
From: jfelts13
Topic: 1962 Message: 1962

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Jerry - NR5A
http://nr5abikeblog.blogspot.com/

1963. RE: [BMHA] HUH???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-26 15:07:32 UTC
From: Jack R Smith
Topic: 1962 Message: 1963

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Jack KE4LWT

80 degrees, sunny and 18 mph wind at Millington Naval Station, TN.

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of jfelts13
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1964. RE: [BMHA] HUH???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-26 15:29:57 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 1962 Message: 1964

Thanks for helping to lighten my day.

Yes, California weather can be nice -- not a cloud in our pure-blue sky today.
Unfortunately, we are going through some very intense times at work (I'm involved in releasing Windows 7 on our home computer product line) and I just don't have time to ride.

Darn. You have the time and not the weather. I have the weather and not the time . . .

Cheers, all will eventually work itself out.

And for the entire group -- enjoy Dayton. I'd like to be there, but will not be able to attend.

- Skip AA6WK

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This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.

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1965. Re: [BMHA] HUH???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-26 20:44:59 UTC
From: CSM(r) Gary Huber
Topic: 1962 Message: 1965

Great temperatures, (70s) and Sunny here near Bloomington, IL. Nice day for riding except for the wind advisory.... 20 to 30 mph winds with gusts 50 mph and more.
http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=ab9m-2

73,

Gary - AB9M

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1966. A Favor Needed for School Project

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-04 16:56:55 UTC
From: Ken Firestone
Topic: 1966 Message: 1966

Hi,

I am taking a college class on communities, and I am doing a study of the Ham Radio Community. I have created a survey about making the Ham Radio Community a better community. Please take a few minutes to answer few questions. I am not collecting any personal information and I want the answers to be anonymous. Thanks for your help.

Ken W3CAT

Click Here to take survey
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MmI5FmioiM4yp0pziGl1IA_3d_3d>

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1967. Re: A Favor Needed for School Project

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-05 16:23:52 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1966 Message: 1967

Wow, Ken...there's so much I wanted to say during your survey.

You touch on a very important concept: COMMUNICATION. When I give my amateur satellite talk across this region (So CA), I usually join the club I am speaking to. Not necessarily because I can attend every meeting and help with every event ... but, as a p.r. kind of person, I want to see how they treat their members. And how they retain membership.

After almost twenty such memberships, only ONE CLUB actually took the effort to WRITE a personal card/letter to me, asking about renewing my membership.

Oh, a few included a "renewal plea" in a newsletter. And that seems to be the only way some clubs communicate with their members.

But that "personal touch" club got my renewal fee.

Good work on the survey, Ken. Hope to see a synopsis of your results here in a couple weeks!

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

1973. Re: [BMHA] Re: 2/440 mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-04-24 17:40:25 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1960 Message: 1973

This is how I did it (years ago) .. image from the BMHA archives:

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Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ
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1974. END the "Open Letter" discussion -- message from the moderator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-06 16:59:09 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1974 Message: 1974

BMHA'ers:

I know that the "Open Letter" posting has generated a lot of passion, but this is a Bicycles-and-Ham group, where postings should be relevant to both topics.

I had hoped that this thread would have died down, but it seems to be escalating.

NOTICE: To keep the BMHA group on-track, further messages in this thread will be deleted by the moderators.

No offense intended to anyone -- these are important topics -- but not in this ham-radio-related group.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

1976. Re: [BMHA] Re: 2/440 mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-07 02:14:46 UTC
From: CSM(r) Gary Huber
Topic: 1960 Message: 1976

I have a slightly different mounting arrangement using aluminum 90 degree angle bolted to the "floor" of the bike rack. I plan to have it on display on my TeraTrike Cruiser (recumbent tadpole trike) at the Sunday morning Bike Forum at Dayton.

Best regards,

CSM(r) Gary Huber - AB9M
9679 Heron Bay Rd
Bloomington, IL 61705
(309-662-0604)
www.csm-gh.com
glhuber@...
gary.huber@...

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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2009 12:40 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: 2/440 mount

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1977. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Reminder

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-07 16:52:24 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1977 Message: 1977

Just a reminder of the Dayton Hamvention BMHA forum coming up in just a little over a week. Here are the details again. Remember to bring your bicycle setup for diaplay and demonstration at the forum.

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Date: May 17, 2009
Time: 9:15
Room: Room 4

The 19th annual BMHA forum is set for Sunday, May 19th at 9:15 am in Room 4. Mike Nickolaus, NF0N, is our forum moderator this year.

Our main theme this year is "Display your Bicycle Setup" and we are encouraging everyone to bring their setup and display at the Forum. We will set aside at least ½ of the forum time for attendees to roam the room and ask questions, take pictures and learn about how others have setup their bikes with VHF/HF gear and antenna systems. If anyone would like to present pictures or audio, we will have the necessary viewing equipment available. Bring your CD/DVD or presentations on removable media. Computer equipment will be supplied.

There will be a short BMHA business meeting and a presentation of some very interesting antenna design for both bicycle and pedestrian mobiles along with audio of some long distance bicycle and pedestrian QSO's. This is from one of our international bicycle/pedestrian friends, G4AKC, and I will try to present as best I can his information.

Our web newsletter editor, Norm, N9ZKS, will present some of his ideas for the upcoming newsletters along with his special bicycle setup.

Arnie, KA0NCR, will review the Hamvention Bike ride from Saturday. Renewal of the Dayton BMHA bicycle ride is planned, see details elsewhere in this group messages for details. We are hoping for good cycling weather and to meet many of you on the ride. Arnie, KA0NCR, has volunteered to coordinate the BMHA ride.

1980. Re: OPEN LETTER - San Diego Incident

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-07 23:50:47 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1978 Message: 1980

Folks,

We need to work at staying focused on bicycleas and radios

73 de Scott/n7net
One of the Moderators

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "saanpregion@..." <saanpregion@...> wrote:
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> Another misiformed person about bicycle helmets? just this past week I have been on more than one run involving vehicle versus bike accidents and each person was wearing a helmet and all three transported, one was treated and released, the others remain critical with injuries.
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> All three bicyclists will require new helmets and they all agree they were worth the insurance policy on their heads.
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> -----Original Message-----
> Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 9:01:49 am
> To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> From: "Kelly Bersch" <KBBersch@...>
> Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: OPEN LETTER - San Diego Incident
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> I have to agree with Clint. I don't see what wearing a helmet has to do
> with obeying traffic laws. I've been protected by my helmet a couple of
> times. Once my helmet broke into several pieces but I did not have a
> concussion. Wearing a helmet is just a matter of safety and I strongly
> suggest it. That being said, it's also a matter of choice. I would only
> support a helmet law for kids, just like most motorcycle helmet laws. An
> adult should know if their brain is worth the price of a helmet.
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> Kelly Bersch
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Clint Bradford" <clintbrad4d@...>
> To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 8:52 AM
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: OPEN LETTER - San Diego Incident

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> > That's an excellent example of why I can't support helmet laws ...
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> It is proven that properly-fitted helmets save bicyclists' lives. How can
> you be against that fact?
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> Clint Bradford
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1981. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Room Change

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-08 14:27:10 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1685 Message: 1981

Looking at the website, the Dayton Hamvention appears to have changed our Forum Room from Room 4 to Room 5 for our forum. They also list the start time of 9:30. Be sure to look at the program for the forum room and start time. If it is Room 5, I don't see any forums prior to our's, so I am sure we can assemble earlier than 9:30 with no issues. Feel free to come into the room and setup your bicycle display as early as you want, I hope to be in the Room well ahead of the start time.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

1982. BMHA Bike ride and forums at the Hamvention - Come on out!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-10 15:14:52 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 1982 Message: 1982

Hello everyone,

I'd like to remind everyone who is going to be at the Dayton Hamvention this Saturday and Sunday about the the BMHA forum Sunday morning, and to invite everyone out to the BMHA bike ride/get together on Saturday afternoon.

NOTE I beleive that the room has changed location again, be sure to check the posted room schedule at the Hamvention!

If you are BMHA member or not, stop out at the trail head and say HI!

If you are a HF-Pack person stop out too, Plans are to have an "I-ball" QSO time and photo shoot
at about 6:30 and then something to eat afterward - at about 7 PM - at a restaurant just across the road from the trail head.

After checking on the roads and trails in the area, it was decided that a bike trail ride would appeal to more
riders as it would have a good surface and would not have us riding in traffic, although you will have to cross
a couple of streets if you ride to the ends of the trail.

Out of all the trails, it looked like the best one for us would be the Wolf Creek trail. The trail has very gentle grades, and is 12 foot wide asphalt so road bikes need not fear gravel trails.
For more info, check out the trail website at:

http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/wolf.htm

We will be starting Saturday afternoon 4 PM local time at the Brookville trail head . We felt that this should give people a fair amount of time all day Friday and Saturday morning and part of the afternoon to
check out the Hamvention, while still giving time to get to the trail head.

The ride length and speed will be left up to the individual rider’s preference. You can even just set up your bike
at the trail head and operate and not ride if you desire, or if the weather looks threatening just hang around
near the car at the trail head and have a few “Eye-ball“ QSO‘s and photo op's.

If the weather goes along, the trail should provide about 25+ miles of travel for those of you who wish to ride to each end.

We plan to start at the trail head at the intersection of Arlington Rd and Upper Lewisburg Salem Rd, which is just
off I-70 exit 21 at Brookville. This trail head has parking, and several places to eat near by. It is just across the
street from Rob's Restaurant and from what I am told it is great and that it is frequented

by the local bike club on
their Saturday morning rides.. so that sounds like a great endorsement to me! We can plan to chow down at
Rob’s after the ride.

We plan on gathering the group after the ride back at the trail head, at about 6:30. At this time we
hope to take pictures and have "eye-ball' qso's and to check out everyones "rolling ham shack".

The easiest way to get to the trail head from the Hamvention is to go west a few blocks from the Arena to Salem
Ave. and then head north to I-70. Proceed west on I-70 to Exit - 21. Take the off ramp, go south over the
Interstate and proceed 1 block south to the trail head at Golden Gate park. The trail head will be on the east
side of the road just before you cross the Upper Lewisburg/Salem road way.

I hope that you will stop out and enjoy the trail and meet up with some of the BMHA people, and HF-packers!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

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1983. Hello from G4AKC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-26 07:43:14 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 1983 Message: 1983

Hello all, just thought I would make a post to say how pleased I am to join the BMHA; many thanks to Skip and Mike, NF0N for welcoming me into the group.
I am keen to set up possible skeds with anyone who has HF bicycle mobile station with the intention of bike to bike contact, probably on 20M or 17M.

Please let me know.

73's ...

Dave G4AKC ...

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1984. Re: Hello from G4AKC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-26 13:36:57 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 1983 Message: 1984

Dave,

Welcome to BMHA and our group. For those who want an additional introduction to Dave and his bicycle and pedestrian mobile activites, the current June 2009 issue of CQ magazine, Page 62 has a great article about Dave along with other bicycle mobile ideas. Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, has done a very nice job of promoting bicycle mobiling.

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1985. Re: Hello from G4AKC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-26 14:26:46 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 1983 Message: 1985

Dave G4AKC also has a very interesting and informative QRZ page.
You can find a link to his page front-and-center on the BMHA website's main page at http://www.BMHA-hams.org

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1986. 20M HF bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-30 15:03:24 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 1986 Message: 1986

Hi All,
I will be out bicycle mobile operating from near to the sea from about 12:00 GMT, tomorrow (Sunday) for at least 3 hours, so if anyone wants a bike to bike Sked please let me know.

73's ...

Dave G4AKC ..

1987. Re: 20M HF bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-05-30 15:08:08 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 1986 Message: 1987

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "davidandtracy" <davidandtracy@...> wrote:
>
> Hi All,
> I will be out bicycle mobile operating from near to the sea from about 12:00 GMT, tomorrow (Sunday) for at least 3 hours, so if anyone wants a bike to bike Sked please let me know.
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> 73's ...
>
> Dave G4AKC ..
>
I will also have with me my new solar powered FT-817 so I hope it stays sunny!

Dave G4AKC

1988. Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-02 11:58:42 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1988 Message: 1988

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1989. Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-02 12:19:30 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1988 Message: 1989

By having an independent power source I don't have to curtail my radio time in order to have enough current left to get me home. So, I bought an Energizer headband light from the Walmart camping section. It requires three AAA batteries to operate two, four, or six LEDs (my choice with a step switch) and it pivots to allow the light to be focused almost anywhere (I've even read a book using it). The builder claims up to 40 hours on one set of batteries. I think it cost about $12.

73 de Scott/n7net

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1990. Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-02 13:08:10 UTC
From: tobymarkowitz
Topic: 1988 Message: 1990

I used several lights and then landed on Dinotte systems with the brightest I could get. A bright and attention getting rear light is as important as the front lamp. A good rear lamp will be as useful in daytime as at night. See and be seen .. wear lots of reflective bits .. around your wrists so arm motions are visible, around ankles ..

Toby
w0lzd

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1991. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-02 14:28:25 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1988 Message: 1991

I, along with my daughter and husband in Berlin, have the:

Cateye Ld-1100 Tail Light

which costs $40 at Nashbar.

It works well enough to hurt your eyes.

The feature we particularly like is that you can attach it to your
bike or yourself and take it with you when you leave the bike.

Best,

Bill
w8hi
Ft. Worth

(About to do GOBA in 2 weeks)

On Jun 2, 2009, at 8:08 AM, tobymarkowitz wrote:

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1992. Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-02 15:16:59 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1988 Message: 1992

I too like the headlamps available in a wide variety at most hardware stores. The ones I like best have super bright LED's and can be selected for low, medium, and maximum brightness, and one more click after that it BLINKS, on the bright setting. I mounted mine permanently on my helmet with black plastic zip ties, and I mounted a red blinky LED tail light on the back of my helmet, so the front is flashing white with the headlight and the rear of my head is flashing red with the tail light. I also have a flashing red LED tail light attached to my bike pack that straps behind me on the rack where the J pole is also side mounted. Over time I've decided the expense of replacing batteries every 2 weeks or so is worth the visibility, so I run all lights day OR night, as well as wear one of the ubiquitous day-glo green vests with silver reflective strips. All that, plus the 6 foot fiberglass flagpole made into a J pole flopping in the breeze, may make drivers shake their heads and think I'm an idiot but at least hopefully they see me.
I run my radio (TH-D7) and GPS and APRS stuff off a homebrew 12 volt C cell pack in one of my panniers but still run all the blinky lights from their internal batteries.

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1993. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-02 16:07:49 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 1988 Message: 1993

My Dinotte lighting uses rechargeables so when I get home, I hang the bike by its rear wheel, disconnect each light and connect each battery pack to the charging cable. I have a power strip with the two 'wall warts' permanently mounted on the wall where the bikes hang. Yes, I use separate battery packs for the two lights but could run them from one.
Toby
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Toby

1994. Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-06 03:49:59 UTC
From: Ken Firestone
Topic: 1988 Message: 1994

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, N1KHB@... wrote:
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You might want to check out this site:

http://www.nordicgroup.us/s78/

They have plans for do it yourself brackets to mount flashlights on a bike, and they also recommend one from Lowes that uses a high power led powered by 2 c cells:

http://nordicgroup.us/s78/flashlights.html

Ken W3CAT

1995. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-06 12:55:53 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1988 Message: 1995

Thanks Ken. That's the kind of stuff that I was looking for. And a quick look made it appear that some of the brackets might have been based upon rifle scope mounts or something similar. I'll investigate further.

Best,
Joe N1KHB

In a message dated 6/5/2009 11:50:48 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, kenf01@... writes:

--- In _BMHA@..._ (mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com) , N1KHB@...
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1996. Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-06 15:58:52 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 1988 Message: 1996

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That bracket scares the heck out of me. Imagine that penetrating your groin in a collision ...

Personally, I prefer a mounting system that will break away upon impact - and not increase the severity of my injuries.

Clint Bradford
909-241-7666

1997. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-06 20:59:33 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 1988 Message: 1997

Well, there's nothing saying that a light needs to be on TOP of anything including a handlebar if that's what you mean. An under handlebar mount can be just as effective and also be out of harm's way. I've also seen some fork mounted lights in the past.

Joe

In a message dated 6/6/2009 11:59:58 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, clintbrad4d@... writes:

> _http://www.nordicgrhttp://www._ (http://www.nordicgroup.us/s78/)

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1998. Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-06 22:01:03 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 1988 Message: 1998

Indeed, a light mounted on the fork will work. Fifteen years ago, when I commuted to work, I somehow acquired a mount that clamped to a fork blade. I used a wheel generator and mounted the head lamp as close to the generator as possible and cut the wire to length.

It worked.---

de Scott/n7net

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1999. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-06 22:17:21 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1988 Message: 1999

I had a light on my '85 touring bike fork for several years.

Actually, it was mounted on an aluminum arm extending from the top of
the front left pannier rack.

The generator was mounted between the chain stays.

I used it on six cross country trips.

The thing I appreciated was the head was far enough away from my eyes.

As a result, I seemed to be able to see better.

Best,

Bill
w8hi
Ft. Worth

On Jun 6, 2009, at 3:59 PM, N1KHB@... wrote:

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2000. Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-07 13:29:02 UTC
From: craryn
Topic: 2000 Message: 2000

I realize with some antennas the length of the feed line is critical for their efficiency. What about a vhf/uhf with NMO mount? Can I cut the feed line to a couple feet for a bicycle application without affecting the operation? I have looked and cannot find anything on this.

2001. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-08 03:44:08 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2000 Message: 2001

craryn wrote:
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Best source of information would be the antenna manufacturer. They do
have various length feed lines available, perhaps it would be best to
get the length closest to the length you need.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 77,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2002. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-08 12:02:43 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 2000 Message: 2002

As with the vast majority of antennas, a simple V/U self resonant antenna will not be influenced by any particular length of feedline.

Joe N1KHB

In a message dated 6/7/2009 5:09:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, wx7k@... writes:

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2003. Re: Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-08 15:25:18 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 2000 Message: 2003

On both my bikes I now have RG-58 cables with BNC connectors zip tied to my upper frame tube semi permanently.
I normally mount the TH-D7 and Magellan Gold GPS on my front handlebar stem with one of the new stainless steel hose clamps with a plastic tab attached so I can tighten or release the hose clamp by hand.... I don't dare leave any electronics unattended on the bike.
The homebrew J pole attaches to the BNC cable via a female-to-female adapter. I used to just fold up the J pole's feedline and zip tie it to the bike, leaving sufficient cable slack so I can lay down and tie off the antenna while on the car rack... but any time the J pole required maintenance I had to cut the zip ties, undo the cable, etc.
Now with the adapter at the back I can just release the BNC adapter and remove the antenna..... plus the added advantage when it's raining out, I plop the radio/gps bracket into the rear pannier where it stays safe and dry..... and the short stub from the J pole can be attached there at the rear of the bike without having to undo cable bundles, cut zip ties frantically in the rain, no additional details needed. I notice no difference whether the electronics are up front on the end of the longer BNC cable or in the pannier on the short BNC cable. As well it should be....
The main concern with VHF/UHF antenna cable is the loss, which increases with cable length. At the lengths involved with bicycles and mobiles, generally less than 20 feet, the loss is minimal.
As the previous poster stated, if your antenna is anywhere near close to being properly adjusted the cable length will not affect it further. If your antenna has an SWR of over 2 to 1 or so, the antenna should be adjusted, not the length of the coax.
Jim W5AOX

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2004. Re: Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-08 15:52:01 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 2000 Message: 2004

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Hardly a problem when comparing, say, the 17 feet of cable that comes "normal" on those NMO Radiall-Larsen kits and, say, whacking it down to 8 feet or so ... But definitely not true when comparing 17 feet to 100 feet of cable, of course.

Another factor - the user's proficiency at soldering the connector if the "standard" cable length is shortened.

Clint Bradford
909-241-7666

2005. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 776

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-08 20:12:35 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2005 Message: 2005

I've always made the feedline long enough so I can double it back on itself to cancel out any feedline interaction. I usually doubleback about 19 inches. On my bike that fits nicely under the rear rack since I then run the coax forward wrapping it around the horizontal bike frame until I get the the handle bars.
Some have said this is unnecessary however, I have gotten better signal reports with 5 watts from bicycle using a dual band 18 inch vertical than my previous installation where I did not doubleback the coax.
As we know all installations are different which for me trial and error has produced better results in the end.
Good luck
73
Jim
W1RO/7

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, 8 Jun 2009 7:58 am
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 776

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Posted by: "craryn"
wx7k@arrl.net

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Sun Jun 7, 2009 2:08 pm (PDT)

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1b.

Re: Antenna Feedline

Posted by: "Norm Huber"
n9zks@...

motorcyclingham

Sun Jun 7, 2009 8:42 pm (PDT)

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Re: Antenna Feedline

Posted by: "N1KHB@..."
N1KHB@...
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n1khbjoe

Mon Jun 8, 2009 5:03 am (PDT)

As with the vast majority of antennas, a simple V/U self resonant antenna

will not be influenced by any particular length of feedline.

Joe N1KHB

In a message dated 6/7/2009 5:09:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

wx7k@... writes:

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2006. Best method to power my ICom W32A

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 02:18:13 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2006 Message: 2006

I have recently got my recumbent trike almost ready to Cq but need a better way to power my rig with 12v battery. What id the best way to do this?

2007. Re: Best method to power my ICom W32A

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 16:05:03 UTC
From: Clint Bradford
Topic: 2006 Message: 2007

>> ... to power my rig with 12v battery. What id the best way to do this?

Instead of using the relatively delicate jack on the top of the rig, I'd use a Batteries America CBE-173 - a battery eliminator housed in an empty dry cell case.

http://batteriesamerica.com/icom1.htm

Whack off the cigarette lighter plug and replace with Anderson PowerPoles.

Clint Bradford
http://www.clintbradford.com

2008. Re: Best method to power my ICom W32A

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 16:48:59 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2006 Message: 2008

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Clint Bradford" <clintbrad4d@...> wrote:
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> Clint Bradford
> http://www.clintbradford.com
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Thanks, I do have a battery eliminator attached, looking for some 12v batteries that give some long live. mounting rig on board my recumbent trike asap.

2009. Has anyone used this solar panel power supply?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 17:08:29 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2009 Message: 2009

http://www.amazon.com/Xantrex-Technologies-852-2071-Powerpack-Inverter/dp/B000SE

wondering if it will work okay for my ht.

2010. Re: [BMHA] Re: Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 19:20:09 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2000 Message: 2010

Latecomer here, but: Isn't feedline length a method for dealing with antennas that have an impedance (when tuned to resonance) that is significantly different from that of the feedline?

I've always understood the proper approach to be: "First tune, then match". Some of the comments previously seemed to indicate changing the antenna off resonance to satisfy the VSWR, but the actual loss to even relatively high VSWR isn't all that large. I've seen discussions on repeaterbuilders on using 75 ohm hardline with 50 ohm systems, based on the idea that on long line lengths, the lower loss of the 75 ohm cables outweighs the impedance mismatch loss.

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2011. Re: [BMHA] Has anyone used this solar panel power supply?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 19:13:41 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2009 Message: 2011

Andy wrote:
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2012. Re: [BMHA] Has anyone used this solar panel power supply?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 20:03:26 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2009 Message: 2012

Just plug this in the search box: Xantrex 852-2071

It's a 5W solar panel with 10AH gel cell, plus 400W inverter, weighs 18#.
All in one package, which is nice. It's 18#, which is somewhat not nice.

So, charge rate is going to be less than 0.3A, and you might get 8
good hours in a day, so 2.4AH/Day.
(a 5W panel is 5W under absolute optimum conditions, kinda like MPG
going downhill, with a tail wind.)
If your use is very light, this makes a good combination. The solar
cells are probably just dumped into the battery through a diode, since
a 0.3A overcharge is very tolerable for Lead acid cells.

Four of these: http://www.all-battery.com/polymerli-ionbattery37v11000mah7872185.aspx
at 0.5# each,
Plus one of these:
http://www.all-battery.com/protectioncircuitmodulepcbfor148vli-ionbatterypack4cellswith65a
limit-lipcb14v4.aspx
Plus a solar panel
http://www.all-battery.com/solarchargercoleman300ma45wcl-300.aspx

Seems like you could do much the same thing, without the inverter, at
about 4# or so.
The charger would take a little more looking, All battery does not
seem to have one that runs from DC input.

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2013. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 22:29:38 UTC
From: CSM(r) Gary Huber
Topic: 2000 Message: 2013

Odd multiple quarter wave antennas need a ground plane or counterpoise to work against so they may be dependant upon their feed line length in bicycle applications. Half-wave and 5/8ths wave antennas tend to be ground independent and may tolerate feed line modification. However one must consider the possibility that the feed line may be an impedance transformer in some applications and need a specific number of quarter wave lengths at the operating frequency using the velocity co-efficient of the cable.

Best regards,

CSM(r) Gary Huber - AB9M
9679 Heron Bay Rd
Bloomington, IL 61705
(309-662-0604)
www.csm-gh.com
glhuber@...
gary.huber@...

From: Norm Huber
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2009 10:44 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Antenna Feedline

craryn wrote:
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2014. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 22:42:23 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 2000 Message: 2014

And a standard steel or aluminum bike frame is not a legitimate counterp
oise? Maybe it's ~ 0.5 - 0.75 wavelength on 2 meters depending on how you
measure it and what accessories are in place, but it's still there.

Joe N1KHB

In a message dated 6/9/2009 6:30:18 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
glhuber@... writes:

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work against so they may be dependant upon their feed line length in bicycle
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From: Norm Huber
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2009 10:44 PM
To: _BMHA@..._ (mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com)
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Antenna Feedline

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2015. Re: Antenna Feedline

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 23:26:44 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 2000 Message: 2015

WHOOPS
Better think about this one.. Maybe it could be a 2-legged counterpoise (~19" in each direction from the antenna base IF mounted in the upper center of the bike frame...) a rather uncomfortable arrangement when you're in the saddle, with it softly rubbing your belly.
Most of us hope to operate the radio while in motion, meaning the antenna has to go on one end of the bike or the other.... where there's really no counterpoise at all. They'll all work, after a fashion, no matter where the antenna is mounted... but ideally it would be an antenna that is not so dependent on a ground plane to couple well. Thus the emphasis on half wave antennas commercial or otherwise. I of course prefer home made J poles made from - a fiberglass Bike Flag Pole - ... helping with propagation AND visibility to bothersome motorists around me.
I have also tried a bike helmet with copper tape for a ground plane inside or outside the helmet, with a 19" stinger on top of the helmet... but silly me, I worry about how the antenna connector is going to feel imbedded in my skull the first time I crash test the helmet. So that was short lived.
W5AOX
(Mine works, see http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=12&timerange=10800)

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2016. Re: 20M HF bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 23:18:33 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 1986 Message: 2016

Dave would you share with me how you setup your 817 and how you power it?
Thanks Andy KF4SWS

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "davidandtracy" <davidandtracy@...> wrote:
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "davidandtracy" <davidandtracy@> wrote:
> >
> > Hi All,
> > I will be out bicycle mobile operating from near to the sea from about 12:00 GMT, tomorrow (Sunday) for at least 3 hours, so if anyone wants a bike to bike Sked please let me know.
> >
> > 73's ...
> >
> > Dave G4AKC ..
> >
> I will also have with me my new solar powered FT-817 so I hope it stays sunny!
>
> Dave G4AKC
>

2017. Re: [BMHA] Has anyone used this solar panel power supply?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-09 19:48:17 UTC
From: Roger Reini
Topic: 2009 Message: 2017

Is this the product?:
http://www.amazon.com/Xantrex-Technologies-852-2071-Powerpack-Inverter/dp/B000SECKO2/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&s=home-garden&qid=1244576804&sr=8-3

Roger, KD8CSE

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2018. Re: Has anyone used this solar panel power supply?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-10 02:19:51 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2009 Message: 2018

Yes Yes I am wondering if it will provide enough power for the HT. or if I should go with a foot power unit over solar.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Roger Reini <roger@...> wrote:
>
> Is this the product?:
> http://www.amazon.com/Xantrex-Technologies-852-2071-Powerpack-Inverter/dp/B000SECKO2/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&s=home-garden&qid=1244576804&sr=8-3
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2019. Re: [BMHA] Re: Has anyone used this solar panel power supply?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-10 02:52:04 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2009 Message: 2019

On Tue, Jun 9, 2009 at 10:19 PM, Andy<ajeshadow@...> wrote:
> Yes Yes I am wondering if it will provide enough power for the HT. or if I should go with a foot power unit over solar.

Unless you're gassing all the time on the rig, it should be ok. What does your HT draw on receive?
The TX draw isn't all that important, if you're not doing alligator impressions.. :)

I'd still look for a way to charge it conventionally, but 3W from the panel (assuming full sun etc) should be more than most HTs pull on receive, so the panel should make at least a little headway when you're not transmitting.

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2020. Re: Has anyone used this solar panel power supply?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-10 03:32:17 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2009 Message: 2020

Thanks...

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, David VanHorn <microbrix@...> wrote:
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> On Tue, Jun 9, 2009 at 10:19 PM, Andy<ajeshadow@...> wrote:
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2021. BMHA Website Down 6/10/2009

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-11 14:39:57 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 2021 Message: 2021

For those who may notice, the BMHA website at http://www.BMHA-Hams.org is down.

We suffered a hardware failure (hard drive crash) and the site will be back up as soon as I can install a new hard drive and recover from the backup. Given my schedule, it may be a few days before this happens.

Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

2022. Re: 20M HF bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-11 16:13:49 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 1986 Message: 2022

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Andy" <ajeshadow@...> wrote:
>
> Dave would you share with me how you setup your 817 and how you power it?
> Thanks Andy KF4SWS

Hi Andy ...

Good to hear from you ..
I got the brief case style solar panel from Maplin it is a 13 Watt double unit that has a separate 12V regulator which comes with it.
I have removed the internal batteries from the little Yaesu FT-817 and set the RF power down to 1 Watt output, I have also turned the radio panel lights off in the menu on the radio.
I have wired a 20,000uF capacitor across the terminals which would normally connect to the battery from the voltage regulator, this smooths out any voltage variation due to small clouds etc ....
It works fine on 1 Watt as long as we have full sun and I have managed a couple of QSO's across the pond from the bike on 20M ... hope that helps.

73's ...

Dave G4AKC ...

2023. Re: 20M HF bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-11 16:25:21 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 1986 Message: 2023

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "davidandtracy" <davidandtracy@...> wrote:
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Andy" <ajeshadow@> wrote:
> >
> > Dave would you share with me how you setup your 817 and how you power it?
> > Thanks Andy KF4SWS

Hi again Andy ...

Here is a link to the solar panel I use:
http://www.maplin.co.uk/Module.aspx?ModuleNo=99760

I put the open solar panel into the trailer that you can see in the picture on
www.qrz.com/g4akc and pull it behind the bike.

73's ...
Dave G4AKC ...

2024. Re: 20M HF bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-11 16:30:36 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 1986 Message: 2024

Thank you

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "davidandtracy" <davidandtracy@...> wrote:
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2025. Re: [BMHA] Re: 20M HF bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-11 19:26:41 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 1986 Message: 2025

> I have wired a 20,000uF capacitor across the terminals which would normally connect to the battery from the voltage regulator, this smooths out any voltage variation due to small clouds etc ....

That's a very small bit of energy storage there. Even a tiny 0.5AH
gel cell or nicad pack would be a lot more effective.
The charge available (in watt-seconds) is 0.5*C*V^2, so assuming that
you can stand two volts of droop, that works out to:
(0.5 * 0.02 * 4) = 0.04 or 40 milliwatt seconds.

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2026. Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-12 02:46:28 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2026 Message: 2026

Have been looking the FT-817ND but the FT-857D has more watts out. I would think that is good when I am on a 150 mile trip. Certainly can not depend on cell coverage.

2027. Re: Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-12 09:35:51 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2026 Message: 2027

It wouldn't be my choice unless I already owned it.

de Scott/n7net/qrp

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Andy" <ajeshadow@...> wrote:
>
> Have been looking the FT-817ND but the FT-857D has more watts out. I would think that is good when I am on a 150 mile trip. Certainly can not depend on cell coverage.
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2028. Re: [BMHA] Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-12 13:54:03 UTC
From: Don Roberts
Topic: 2026 Message: 2028

I've got one and I love it. It would be great if you had antenna and battery solutions for your bike.

Don

--- On Thu, 6/11/09, Andy <ajeshadow@gmail.com> wrote:

From: Andy <ajeshadow@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009, 9:46 PM

Have been looking the FT-817ND but the FT-857D has more watts out. I would think that is good when I am on a 150 mile trip. Certainly can not depend on cell coverage.

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2029. Re: [BMHA] Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-12 16:20:59 UTC
From: Don Roberts
Topic: 2026 Message: 2029

Sorry...I wasn't clear about that...I don't have one on my bike...

--- On Fri, 6/12/09, Don Roberts <ke5omv@...> wrote:

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To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, June 12, 2009, 8:54 AM

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To: BMHA@yahoogroups. com

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009, 9:46 PM

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2030. Re: Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-12 16:31:06 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2026 Message: 2030

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2031. Re: 20M HF bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-12 16:41:29 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 1986 Message: 2031

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, David VanHorn <microbrix@...> wrote:
>
> > I have wired a 20,000uF capacitor across the terminals which would normally connect to the battery from the voltage regulator, this smooths out any voltage variation due to small clouds etc ....
>
> That's a very small bit of energy storage there. Even a tiny 0.5AH
> gel cell or nicad pack would be a lot more effective.
> The charge available (in watt-seconds) is 0.5*C*V^2, so assuming that
> you can stand two volts of droop, that works out to:
> (0.5 * 0.02 * 4) = 0.04 or 40 milliwatt seconds.

Hi David,
I agree but the regulator charger output terminals on the supplied voltage regulator on the solar panels required a battery in order for it to work properly and hence the capacitor acts in place of the battery.
I realise the energy stored is very small ...but in order to claim a totally "green" power source I have avoided using any batteries to power the FT-817 other than the solar panels themselves.

73's ...

Dave G4AKC

2032. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-14 18:07:23 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 2032

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /Folded.jpg
Uploaded by : barry_bogart <barry_bogart@...>
Description : Folding bike as Buddi shockcord mast base

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/Folded.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

barry_bogart <barry_bogart@...>

2033. Bike Stationary application

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-14 18:16:54 UTC
From: barry_bogart
Topic: 2033 Message: 2033

I don't operate bike mobile much as such, but I do routinely ride a bike to remote locations to operate. I like to use a Buddipole dipole, but the mast base has always been an issue - too bulky and heavy to carry on a bike. So I was thrilled to see that I could use my new folding bike as a stable base for the Buddi shockcord mast. With the seat tube inverted and inserted from the bottom, the base can be adjusted so that the mast is close to perfectly vertical. Now I can get set up for HF anywhere in about 15 minutes.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

2034. Re: Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-17 02:20:57 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2026 Message: 2034

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Andy" <ajeshadow@...> wrote:
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How far out in the boonies? Any particular bands or modes? How important to you are ease of use, antennas, operating time, power source, etc?

By "dual band", do you mean a VHF/UHF HT? Your communications may be limited by distance, terrain, and sparse ham populations away from cities. Although high elevation and a decent whip, external roll-up j-pole hung from a tree, or a small collapsible hand-held beam like the Arrow Antenna can make up for much of that. I really like my Yaesu VX5 HT (I use it for bike mobile sometimes with either a light whip or a bike flagpole antenna) and the new VX8 with GPS and APRS is VERY tempting.

The serious QRP backpackers swear by little Altoids tin-size HF CW rigs and either tuned wire antennas or random wires and a small tuner - check the QRP-L archives and the Adventure Radio Society for ideas. When I went on a bike trip with son's Scout troop (C&O Canal, so no elevation and near civilization), I tried a few evening SSB QSOs with an FT817 and a 12' MFJ telescoping whip and counterpoise + the Elecraft auto-tuner. I was more successful keeping people awake than making contacts! My VX5 came in handy a few nights to get NOAA weather alerts and monitor a wide-area Skywarn net. I didn't rely on it as a cell-phone backup and would have hated to need it for that. If I wanted a good HF self-contained radio and was willing to stick with CW, I'd look at the Elecraft K1 with internal batteries and tuner or the KX1. Hope this helps

73, Steve KS1G

2035. Re: Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-17 03:36:41 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2026 Message: 2035

Yes thank you, Andy KF4SWS

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2036. Re: Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-17 08:55:39 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 2026 Message: 2036

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Hi Andy,

I have got an Alinco DX70-TH fitted to my bike which is similar to the FT-857 you can see more info on: www.qrz.com/g4akc
I have also got a set up with a FT-817 using only solar panels (without any batteries) on my bike.
I get great results on the HF bands whilst cycling close to the water.
Please let me know if I can help in any way ...

Best 73's ...

Dave G4AKC

2037. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-03 01:53:32 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1988 Message: 2037

----- Original Message -----
From: "Scott Laughlin"
(snip)

> So, I bought an Energizer headband light from the Walmart camping
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Those are great ... I have 4 or 5 of various designs .. BUT I WOULD NEVER
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Yes, at a minimum, it would help folks to see you, but they are no way near
bright enough for me to see the road ahead.

My bikes use .. at a minimum .. a 10 watt headlight mounted on the
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2038. Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-21 23:54:11 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 1988 Message: 2038

To each his own, as they say. I use these same headlamps as bike lamps all the time after dark, and they provide great visibility up the road ahead of me. I like them very much for this purpose.
I used to run an expensive bike light mounted on the handlebars but my dislikes included:
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With a "Wal Mart" type headlamp, it points where I look, comes inside with me, is protected from vibration by being mounted on ME instead of the bike, easily used as a regular extra bright flashlight, etc, etc.

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2039. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-21 23:59:43 UTC
From: Roger Reini
Topic: 1988 Message: 2039

On my Sun EZ-3 USX recumbent trike, which has underseat steering, I have no alternative but to use a head-mounted lamp as a bike lamp. I can and have mounted a regular lamp on the handlebar, but due to its low location, it's not very effective. The headlamp worked pretty well.

To keep this somewhat on the topic of radio, underseat steering kinda rules out handlebar mounts for HT's.... The HT will be awfully close to the ground.

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2040. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-22 12:58:14 UTC
From: CSM(r) Gary Huber
Topic: 1988 Message: 2040

Regarding the light for my recumbent trike (Wizwheez Cruiser) I use the Energizer headlamp. For HT (Kenwood D7-A(g)), its handlebar mounted with a Ram mount and I use a Comet 2M/440CM halfwave mounted to a luggage rack.

Best regards,

CSM(r) Gary Huber - AB9M
9679 Heron Bay Rd
Bloomington, IL 61705
(309-662-0604)
www.csm-gh.com
glhuber@...
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Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2009 6:59 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

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2041. APRS bike-mobiles?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-22 19:51:21 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 2041 Message: 2041

I'm looking for BMHA guys running APRS on their bikes regularly that I can track....
I'm interested since I commute 12 miles across Albuquerque almost daily running my TH-D7, Magellan Gold, and homebrew J pole.
I had a list of a half dozen hams who showed up at various odd times as bicycle mobiles -- all but one have dropped off the map, literally.
The only ham I see biking regularly nowadays is KG0W-12.
If any of you are reckless enough to send me your bike-mobile APRS call so I can track you via aprs.fi I'd appreciate it.
Jim W5AOX-6
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800

2042. Re: [BMHA] Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-22 21:20:58 UTC
From: Joe Martine, N5USR
Topic: 2026 Message: 2042

Andy wrote:
> Have been looking the FT-817ND but the FT-857D has more watts out. I would think that is good when I am on a 150 mile trip. Certainly can not depend on cell coverage.
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Bit slow responding, haven't checked the email in a while...

I occasionally use my 857 on my recumbent bike. It's a heavy combination! But can be fun. Not sure how long it would last you, though - the battery is the big issue.

I have a 12AH AGM battery I use, it's most of the weight. Might be better with a pack of NiMHs or something, haven't done that yet. It lets me run 20W or so, but not sure it would be happy with 100W at all.

I also worried about the beating the relays and such take in the 857. I can hear them "click" occasionally on the harder bumps while riding. So far so good, but...

The most bizarre thing is that the ATAS-120 will actually auto-tune on all bands, including 40M, hanging off the back of my bike! :-)

I took some pics back then when I was setting it up, they are here:
http://okcforum.org/~martine/hfbike.html

Joe / N5USR

2043. To: Joe/N5USR re:Has anyone setup FT857D on a cycle?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-22 21:52:05 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2026 Message: 2043

In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Joe Martine, N5USR" <n5usr@...> replied to Andy KF4SWS

How does the Battery hold up when the FT857 requires 22A to operate (I think that's right)... I have a Catrike recumbent tadpole trike, so the weight of a battery pack is not that important. So what kinda battry pack would allow best performance and for how long. Do you use a solar charger? I understand the ATAS120 works 2-160M does that mean you plug into both antenna ports on the back of the FT857? Do you use Twitter? See my Blog ajelliottjr.blogspot.com you may email directly if you will. Thanks. Andy KF4SWS

2044. Videos?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-22 21:58:56 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 2044 Message: 2044

Are there any videos of our members - "hamming" on bicycles?

2045. The BMHA webserver is back online

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-22 23:41:43 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 2045 Message: 2045

Now that we have a new hard drive installed and the server restored from the backup, the BMHA webserver is back online.

http://www.BMHA-Hams.org

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

2046. Re: [BMHA] APRS bike-mobiles?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 06:45:09 UTC
From: Mike Barnes
Topic: 2041 Message: 2046

Jim,

KC5N-9 is a dedicated 'bicycle mobile' Big Red Bee running 5-8 watts APRS 100% of the time
I am on my recumbent (KC5N-7 is my car, KC5N-1 is my iGate station). I usually ride 1-2 times a week for longish (50+) mile rides on trails with an FT817ND/Z817 Autotuner mounted in the middle of the handebars. Antenna Farm in the back consists of Hustler 2m whip (for APRS), 2m/70cm whip (for FT817) and HF antenna de jour (either MP-1 or hamstick).

Of the trails I ride, only one (the Cardinal Greenway near Muncie, Indiana) has an iGate station that relays well to aprs.fi. Lots of places in rural Indiana have poor digipeater converage and poor aprs.fi relays.

I also have an iPhone mount on the bike (with switches to share a modified cell phone headset between it and the 817) for cell phone calls. I have iBCNU which is a program that uses the iPhone as an APRS link and creates APRS entries (which go to aprs.fi) without the use of an actual ham radio (using the GPS in the iPhone). I haven't used that on the bike (but it's very handy for Skywarn work when you are out of range of a digipeater). But if anyone has an iPhone and wants to create APRS entries from a bike, it's an option.

73,

Mike KC5N

On Mon, 22 Jun 2009, jimdevenport wrote:

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2047. Re: [BMHA] APRS bike-mobiles?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 12:42:51 UTC
From: Opusnugen
Topic: 2041 Message: 2047

Jim & BMHA,

I am planning to rebuild my APRS setup to mount to the bike. I was testing a setup in the car last year around this time, to be used for our local MS-150 ride in Central Missouri. If you search my call at aprs.fi, you will find my tracks (great website, btw! Best one to date for lookups!). I will bring that same setup with me for this years MS-150 ride. I am registered to help volunteer again. Right now, spare time is lacking...too many projects and not enough time for them. I am not willing to sacrifice my sleep, either!

The bike setup would use the NEMA string data from a handle bar-mounted Garmin eTrex Legend (so I can look at the map display while riding) and that would feed a Bionics III that is connected to my FT-530. The test antenna will change from a commercial half-wave to a homebrew J-pole I have used on the bike for voice/repeater contacts. Battery from a SLA battery (I have many to choose from in the shack for the size and weight requirements for a 2-hour ride to a week long-cross state jaunt). I am looking for a nice container, and I think I may go with the see-thru waterproof boxes one can purchase at Wal*Mart in the sporting goods section. May build a multicell pack for that container.

The Automobile setup uses a hockey-puck GPS receiver, the Bionics, and a cable to plug into the TM-V7A I use for mobile work.

Perhaps I will find a few hours to get my bike APRS project up and running (since Jim has tossed down the gauntlet!). I want to see how well it works in my area near my house, since we are pretty hilly around here. I am lucky to have a digi (K0STL-3) right near my QTH. I will post an update when I get it running.

Does anyone know of some good websites that features bike mobile APRS that they want to share?

Brian
W0BEV

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> http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800
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2048. Re: [BMHA] APRS bike-mobiles?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 12:51:40 UTC
From: CSM(r) Gary Huber
Topic: 2041 Message: 2048

I usually run tricycle mobile as AB9M-7 but I also have a "tracker" with AB9M-15 that will be used on occasion this summer.

From: jimdevenport
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2009 2:51 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] APRS bike-mobiles?

I'm looking for BMHA guys running APRS on their bikes regularly that I can track....
I'm interested since I commute 12 miles across Albuquerque almost daily running my TH-D7, Magellan Gold, and homebrew J pole.
I had a list of a half dozen hams who showed up at various odd times as bicycle mobiles -- all but one have dropped off the map, literally.
The only ham I see biking regularly nowadays is KG0W-12.
If any of you are reckless enough to send me your bike-mobile APRS call so I can track you via aprs.fi I'd appreciate it.
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2049. Re: [BMHA] APRS bike-mobiles?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 12:54:39 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2041 Message: 2049

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> Of the trails I ride, only one (the Cardinal Greenway near Muncie,
> Indiana) has an iGate station that relays well to aprs.fi. Lots of
> places in rural Indiana have poor digipeater converage and poor
> aprs.fi relays.
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Very cool! I'm glad that someone is igating there again. I did it
for a lot of years, but finally had to give it up.
I'm in Pittsburgh now, but you'd have heard me on the 73 or 85
machines up to about 2 years ago.
KC6ETE-9

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2050. Re: [BMHA] APRS bike-mobiles?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 13:19:28 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2041 Message: 2050

Does anyone here know of a source for the four-pin 1/8" connector
commonly used on Iphones?
I have a bluetooth headset that I'd like to adapt to my D7A.
I figured on using a hardwired TX switch, and then taking the audio
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from my MP3 player when the D7 isn't active. I do like the idea of
not having any cables between me and the bike.

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2051. Re: [BMHA] APRS bike-mobiles?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 14:44:43 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 2041 Message: 2051

I got 4-conductor, 3.5mm with and without pig-tails from Mouser a year or so back. You may try them.

Len Revelle N9IJ
n9ij@...

On Jun 23, 2009, at 8:19 AM, David VanHorn wrote:

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2052. Re: [BMHA] iPhone connector source (was APRS bike-mobiles?)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 14:48:40 UTC
From: Mike Barnes
Topic: 2041 Message: 2052

I just went through this exercise for my bike. Newark carries 3.5mm
4 pole plugs. I have never found a source for the jacks-- if you find one
let me know.

For my bike, I needed a connector (plug) between the iPhone and a switch
box with a multi-ganged switch which connects either the iPhone or the
radio. I ended up finding a cheap iPhone earbud headset clone and just
clipped off the 'buds' and used the cable and the plug. I wired the other
end of the cable to a regular 3 pole plug, connecting the left and right
channels since the headset on my bike only has one ear piece (and thus
avoiding needing a 4-pole jack).

See http://pinouts.ru/PortableDevices/iphone_headphone_pinout.shtml
for the pin connections of the 4 pole plug.

Mike KC5N

On Tue, 23 Jun 2009, David VanHorn wrote:

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2053. Re: [BMHA] APRS bike-mobiles?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 14:57:15 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2041 Message: 2053

On Tue, Jun 23, 2009 at 10:44 AM, Len Revelle<n9ij@...> wrote:
> I got 4-conductor, 3.5mm with and without pig-tails from Mouser a year
> or so back. You may try them.

Female? Sorry, I just read what I wrote, and that's the part that I
managed not to mention.

The bluetooth dingus is a little module that plugs into an iphone, and
the dingus has a 4 pin male plug, which looks like an 1/8" stereo plug
but with one more ring.

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2054. Re: [BMHA] iPhone connector source (was APRS bike-mobiles?)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 14:58:44 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2041 Message: 2054

On Tue, Jun 23, 2009 at 10:48 AM, Mike
Barnes<mbjm@...> wrote:
> I just went through this exercise for my bike. Newark carries 3.5mm
> 4 pole plugs. I have never found a source for the jacks-- if you find one
> let me know.

See my other message, but yeah it's the jack that I need.

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That's the issue, the mic audio would get shorted to ground in a
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2055. Re: [BMHA] iPhone connector source (was APRS bike-mobiles?)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 15:16:45 UTC
From: Mike Barnes
Topic: 2041 Message: 2055

I just poked around on the web, you might check out:

www.showmecables.com/viewitem.asp?idproduct=4074

Also, Mouser part 161-2408-E might work.

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 15:19:48 UTC
From: Mike Barnes
Topic: 2041 Message: 2056

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Mike KC5N

2057. Re: [BMHA] iPhone connector source (was APRS bike-mobiles?)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 15:23:27 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2041 Message: 2057

On Tue, Jun 23, 2009 at 11:19 AM, Mike
Barnes<mbjm@...> wrote:
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> www.showmecables.com/viewitem.asp?idProduct=4074

Both work for me, they're on order.

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2058. Re: [BMHA] iPhone connector source (was APRS bike-mobiles?)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-23 15:20:16 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2041 Message: 2058

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COOL! I didn't find any the last time I looked.. Thanks!

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2059. Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-27 16:28:46 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2059 Message: 2059

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This year - a tandem bike trailer with the seat removed, a 10 foot pole out the seat post with a ham stick dipole and an LDG tuner. A little scary looking and not the most stable of lash ups but I can get the the bugger to tune a fair portion of the 80 CW band.

Class 1C with a goal of 300 CW Qs and 100 miles covered ... and 800mg ibuprofen q6h

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Ron W9XS

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2060. Re: [BMHA] Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-28 00:47:12 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2059 Message: 2060

How do you go about mounting a 102 ft whip onto a bicycle? Also, how do you ride it without getting tangled in the trees, power lines, phone lines, etc?

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2061. Re: [BMHA] Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-28 02:09:03 UTC
From: Len Revelle
Topic: 2059 Message: 2061

You have to understand, Ron is so scary looking on his bike that the trees move out of his way...;=}

Len Revelle N9IJ
n9ij@...

On Jun 27, 2009, at 7:47 PM, Harry G. Seyfert wrote:

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> Ron Baran wrote:
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2062. RE: [BMHA] Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-28 02:17:30 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2059 Message: 2062

Hi Harry,

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To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: wd9fyf@...
Date: Sat, 27 Jun 2009 19:47:12 -0500
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Field Day

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2063. Re: [BMHA] Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-28 06:03:32 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2059 Message: 2063

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> From: wd9fyf@... <mailto:wd9fyf%40arrl.net>
> Date: Sat, 27 Jun 2009 19:47:12 -0500
> Subject: Re: [BMHA] Field Day
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2064. RE: [BMHA] Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-28 11:41:14 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2059 Message: 2064

Hi Harry,

I use a pair of 12AHr sealed lead acid batteries. I have a saddle bag on the rear rack and one battery in each pouch. The hang down on the sides of the rear wheel so the center of gravity is low. Those batteries will give me around 2 hours of contest operating at 100W.

After two hours I'm ready to come back in, suck a Corona, put the logging info from the digital recorder onto my spreadsheet, alphabetize the calls, print out a dupe sheet and stick it to the handle bars and off for more FD fun.

Yesterday it was in the mid eighties but the humidity was only in the 50s.

Eat a big lunch. You have antennas to take down later!

73

Ron, W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: wd9fyf@...
Date: Sun, 28 Jun 2009 01:03:32 -0500
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Field Day

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2065. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-22 02:14:50 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 1988 Message: 2065

----- Original Message -----
From: "jimdevenport" <w5aox@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2009 7:54 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Bike lights

> To each his own, as they say.
(snip)
> With a "Wal Mart" type headlamp, it points where I look, comes inside with
> me, is protected from vibration by being mounted on ME instead of the
> bike, easily used as a regular extra bright flashlight, etc, etc.

Yes, but they are nowhere nearly as bright as is needed to see the road
ahead. Yes, they allow you to be seen but not to see (at least with my eyes)

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

2066. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-28 21:34:20 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 2059 Message: 2066

Took the Trike (Trice XL-NT) and antenna trailer and set up in the local park. Operated for about 3 hours with the 5 watt FT-817, modified Buddistick (part Buddipole and part Buddistick. longer mast with radials).

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2067. Re: [BMHA] Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-28 22:25:21 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2059 Message: 2067

Hey Mike is it possible for you to post a few photos of your set up, including antenna trailer for us to check out?

Thanks & 73's,

Jeff KE7OUR

----- Original Message -----
From: Mike Nickolaus
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2009 2:34 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Field Day

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2068. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-29 13:01:27 UTC
From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 2059 Message: 2068

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From: Mike Nickolaus
Topic: 2059 Message: 2069

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2070. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-29 13:46:53 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2059 Message: 2070

Jeff and Mike,

With temperatures beyond 100 degrees in North Texas I stayed inside on Field Day.

However, I did some bike portable earlier this month using an MFJ-9040 and a 40m hamstick and a U1 battery. I was able to tune the antenna close enough that the SWRs were near 1:1 without a tuner, but only if I kept my coax shorter than 12 inches. That was before sundown and I made only one contact. I'm hoping to refine this setup, so I guess more R&D (a nice way of saying trial and error) are in order.

I wish I owned an 817, but if I do SSB I guess my hungry 706 will have to do for now.

Great photos Mike.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2071. Have Radio Will Cycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-29 15:19:37 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2071 Message: 2071

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72 de Scott/n7net

2072. Re: [BMHA] Have Radio Will Cycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-29 15:26:09 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2071 Message: 2072

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2073. Re: Have Radio Will Cycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-29 15:35:42 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2071 Message: 2073

David,

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2074. Re: [BMHA] Have Radio Will Cycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-29 16:36:42 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2071 Message: 2074

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2075. Re: Have Radio Will Cycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-29 17:16:36 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2071 Message: 2075

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2076. Re: [BMHA] Re: Have Radio Will Cycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-30 00:55:03 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2071 Message: 2076

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To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 10:16 AM
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-30 01:14:30 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2071 Message: 2077

Hi Harry,

I'm assuming you're asking how I got away with the antenna? Ed is constantly building antennas. I hear them talking on one of the Plano, Texas repeaters about a new antenna he's finished. He'll give it away and return to the drawing board.

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2078. folding bike antennas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-30 17:00:41 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2078 Message: 2078

A tandemer and a folder, that's great, Scott. My (our) next bike
will be a Friday tandem, I think (but I have to get that K3
first!). My folder folds sideways, and forms a very
stable base for a mast to use when you are stationary. I
have pix on the Buddipole group. I don't know how your
Friday folds, but if you put the trailer 90 degrees from it,
you might be able to use the seat post to hold a mast. I
think a horisontal dipole will work better for you. BTW I
have a 9406 and it is an amazing performer.

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

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> I've been retired for a decade, so I have to
> create my own physical activities. The first thing I do
> each morning is pedal a varied route that totals five to
> eight miles. A 2m radio is secured beneath the saddle and
> connected to a J-pole. Using one Watt, I haunt the
> McKinney, Texas repeater and chat with those who are out and
> about at dawn for any number of reasons.
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> Last spring I was using a J-Pole made of 300 Ohm twin lead.
> A week before HamCom occurred (June), I found Ed, WA5SWD, a
> semi-retured engineer who is also a mobile bicycle
> enthusiast. He challenged me that his antenna was better
> than mine.
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> I met him at HamCom and he gave me his antenna which is
> fabricated from a carpenter's level, copper wire, and
> coax shield. I had my reservations about it.
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> It's impossible to test an antenna using a repeater, so
> I put it on APRS in the back yard, mounted on my bike, using
> the same radio as mentioned earlier, only I was using four
> Watts. After accessing Open APRS I found my Gateway was in
> Anna, ten miles north of my QTH. Then when I switched to
> Ed's antenna and found my Gateway was now at the
> Oklahoma border, thirty miles farther.
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> Needless to say, I discarded my twin-lead antenna and the
> Ed's antenna is my mainstay.
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> My bike is a Bike Friday New World Tourst folder, custom
> built by Green Gear. Perhaps as early as tomorrow morning
> I'll start towing my Bike Friday trailer along with an
> MFJ-9420 with an add-on CW board, a U! battery, and a 20m
> ham stick. I don't do two things well, so I stop and

> see if I can catch some early birds.
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2079. Glacier-Waterton hamfest

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-06-30 17:03:50 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2079 Message: 2079

Is anyone on this list going for their 75th year? See http://www.gwhamfest.org/. I was delighted to see that Amtrak goes straight there (I tired to ride there last time!). There is lots of great touring around there. They say the Going to the Sun road is not to be missed.

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

2080. Re: Glacier-Waterton hamfest

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-01 20:07:01 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2079 Message: 2080

Barry,

Going to this is not possible, but I wish it was. Glacier might be an excellent place to launch a weak signal.

72 de Scott/n7net
--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...> wrote:
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2081. Re: [BMHA] Glacier-Waterton hamfest

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-01 20:22:41 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 2079 Message: 2081

I used to go every year when I lived in Montana. I helped set up and tear down several times. I used to get there Thursday afternoon and leave on Monday. Great fun and well worth the trip. I wish I could make it this year but that's not possible right now.

73 de AC7EW
Kelly

----- Original Message -----
From: "Barry Bogart" <barry_bogart@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 10:03 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Glacier-Waterton hamfest

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2082. Ideas for APRS and voice antennas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-01 21:59:07 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2082 Message: 2082

I'm going to be a bike mobile for a century ride (Reston Century in Northern VA) the end of August and want to try APRS again. Antenna performance will be critical, so I am concentrating on that. I currently have a roll-up coaxial dipole I picked up at a hamfest on a flagpole for the voice net and used a long HT whip for APRS. Both rigs @ 5W. I do not want to mount a rack on my road bike, and am trying to keep weight down as it is a hilly ride (approx 6,000 ft of climbing).

Ideas:
- Mount a 2nd flagpole antenna for the APRS. They will be separated by the width of my rear hub. Or use an extra-long flagpole and try to stack the antennas above each other - will probably need metal tubing on or over the pole for the lower antenna and run the coax inside the tubing.

- Use the flagpole antenna for APRS and a helmet-mounted whip as long as I can manage for voice. May need a better antenna for voice, but I won't have to remember to remove my headset when I get off the bike!

- Replace the separate rigs with a Kenwood HT or VX8 with GPS and run APRS and voice off the flagpole antenna. Pricey, but I do get a new rig out of the deal :)

Other ideas would be a stand alone amp like the one Byonics makes (and I'm using a TT3+ for the tracker) to increase power 3dB.

Thanks in advance for suggestions.

73, ride safe!
Steve KS1G

2083. Re: Ideas for APRS and voice antennas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-01 22:48:15 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 2082 Message: 2083

Steve, I use a homebrew J pole exclusively for voice and APRS (with a Kenwood TH-D7). Very light and very effective, especially if you can elevate the top of the J pole such that the last 38" (the so called radiating half wave portion) is not just coupling directly into your back.
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/W5AOX%20APRS%20BikeMobile.html
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6
Fun thing, asking hams about antennas. 6 hams will give you 13 different opinions about what's best.....
Jim W5AOX

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "BrassRat77" <ks1g04@...> wrote:
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> Steve KS1G

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2084. Re: Ideas for APRS and voice antennas

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-01 23:00:37 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2082 Message: 2084

Steve,

Bicycles move slowly, so a half-hour APRS beacon might provide enough data for you. If that's the case you might consider running APRS only part of the time. How about using a single J-pole and share it for audio with APRS, at different times, of course? That would give you the opportunity to own a XV-8R :-)

72 de Scott/n7net

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2085. Argent data T2/301 on bike for APRS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-08 16:47:43 UTC
From: Leigh L. Klotz, Jr WA5ZNU
Topic: 2085 Message: 2085

I've put together an Argent Data Tracker2 on a bike with the following:

Tracker2 FC/301 combination T2/301
http://www.argentdata.com/catalog/product_info.php?cPath=22&products_id=112

Batteryspace.com 1350mAH LiFePO4
http://www.batteryspace.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=3784

Pelican P1020 Case
http://www.pelican.com/cases_detail.php?Case=1020

Byonics GPS3 module
http://www.byonics.com/tinytrak/gps.php

Here are photos:
http://wa5znu.org/2009/06/tracker2/

The photos show a 9.6V NiMH pack instead. The LiFePO4 pack is slightly thicker and I had to remove some of the top clamshell padding to make it fit. I stabilized the antenna with bus wire and Rescue Tape, though I'm looking for a better soluition.

Later I plan to add a motion-activated power control mechanism, as I've done before with a piezo element, or, given the proximity to the rear wheel, using a magnetic reed switch:
http://wa5znu.org/2008/11/picaxe-motion-switch/

73,
Leigh/WA5ZNU

2086. Re: [BMHA] Videos?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-11 20:20:01 UTC
From: Roger Cox
Topic: 2044 Message: 2086

Actually I posted a couple videos on YouTube this spring that shows cycling and Ham Radio support communications during the annual GPBC "Spring Fling" bike ride. The audio has an annoying clicking sound which is coming from the camera mount. It definitely needs some refinement.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUGwwEij6LM
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LX3IBpWl5Nw&feature=related

73 Roger WB0DGF
Lincoln, NE

--- On Mon, 6/22/09, Andy <ajeshadow@...> wrote:

From: Andy <ajeshadow@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Videos?
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, June 22, 2009, 4:58 PM

Are there any videos of our members - "hamming" on bicycles?

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2087. Re: [BMHA] Videos?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-11 23:54:48 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2044 Message: 2087

Roger Cox wrote:
> Actually I posted a couple videos on YouTube this spring that shows cycling and Ham Radio support communications during the annual GPBC "Spring Fling" bike ride. The audio has an annoying clicking sound which is coming from the camera mount. It definitely needs some refinement.
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I stopped most of the noise with a helmet mount camera on my motorcycle
with a low tech cure of a couple of heavy rubber bands to keep it from
rocking on the bumps. I didn't want to lose the flexibility of using the
camera indifferent configurations.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 80,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2088. Video - The goat hiker does Bike mobile!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-14 19:32:03 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 2088 Message: 2088

Hi,I thought that I would pass this along as it is a great vidio of QRP and Bike mobile operation, by Steve, WG0AT. Steve is better known for his great video's of QRP hikes with his 2 goats, Rooster and Peanut, but it looks like he's having a great time on the bike too!I met and chatted with Steve for a short time at FDIM this year while the Dayton Hamvention was going on.. Very nice guy to chat with.So, I thought that I would pass along the link to the U-tube video.. Maybe you would want to check out some of his other vids... they are very entertaining!Here's the link!http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_tknnqTC-7A73 - Arnie KA0NCRP.S. Next week is RAGBRAI, Mike, NF0N and I will be in it, as part of team Megacycle's.This is a group of about 10 hams and a few others doing RAGBRAI.www.ragbrai.org. I will only have VHF/UHF on the bike, but will have the TS-480 in the pickup truck, and will try to get on the air on the days that I have to drive the SAG machine! Probably will be on the higher bands on the voice HF-Pack Freq;s as the conditions allow..

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2089. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-15 14:38:47 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2059 Message: 2089

Mike, NF0N,

I re-read your activity report of 2009 Field Day. I don't own a BuddiPole or BuddiStick, but I've read about the counterpoise and how they must be suspended abovb the ground. You made no mention of doing such, or if you did I missed it.

Your Field Day experience encouraged me to get serious about some HF. I used an MFJ Hamstick. Not having any test equipment other than an SWR meter left me guessing about what length the counterpoise should be, or how many. And my guessing netted nothing.

However, reviewing your photo again, I spotted the jumper wire connecting your trike and trailer. I tried that. Eureka! The additional chassis provided enought mass that I was able to make a SSB two-way between Dallas and Chicago (or nearby) on 20m using six Watts All my MFJ-9420 could do with the available battery charge). And I did it again the next day. However, it was actually bicycle portable.

It was explained to me that a BuddiStick with radials on the ground reacts as a sloper. But by bringing the radials up off the ground the BuddiStick becomes a vertical.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike Nickolaus" <nf0n@...> wrote:
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> Jeff,
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> Yes, I have uploaded a few pictures in the Photos section of this group, the albumn name is: NF0N Field Day 2009.
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> I have a Burley Nomad trailer with the rack accessory on top and have fashioned an alumunum plate about 20" x 15" that is bolted to the top of the rack. The plate has holes for both UHF and 3/8" mounts. I used a 12 amp hour battery to power both the radio and computer. This was the first time I had used the DC power cable for the computer and found it would generate hash on the radio about an S9 level. Removing the DC supply and used just internal battery power solved it for the time. The internal battery on the Dell Mini-9 lasted for the time I ran FD nicely.
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> The vertical antenna was a Buddistick with the addition of two sections of mast from a Buddipole. Including the coil I think the height of the vertical was approximately 12 feet. It worked nicely on 20 and 40. I layed out 2 counterpoise wires using the mounting bolts on the trailer top plate.
>
> I ran only CW using the Palm Paddles with a magnetic base and had a small metal plate that it set on. This gives it enough weight and does not move around while operating. My tuner is the Elecraft T1 and works nicely with the Yaesu FT-817.
>
> As the pictures show, I setup on a picnic table at the park, a nice concrete one in the

shade and used the trailer mounting for the antenna. I live about 2 miles from this park and had everything loaded in the trailer and rode to and from the park. I suspect all the equipment including the batteries weighed about 35 pounds which fit's nicely in the trailer.
>
> If anyone want's more detailed pictures of the trailer mounting and close up of it I can supply more pictures. I am not a detailed person on this type of equipment, I usually make something work somehow and then use it if it works.
>
> Mike, NF0N

2090. 6 meters bicycle mobile antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-15 14:46:11 UTC
From: John Stefani
Topic: 2090 Message: 2090

Looking through the archives I see references here and elsewhere to a 6 meter band "Flagpole J-Pole" antenna for bicycles. But I have yet to find a set of plans for same. Would anyone be willing to point me in the right direction, ie. link? Please and thank you.

73...de VE3TIZ John

2091. Re: 6 meters bicycle mobile antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-15 15:24:20 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 2090 Message: 2091

I've never heard of nor seen a "Flagpole J-Pole" for bicycles on 6 meters. My design was published in 1984 in 73 magazine for 2 meters and is still in use on all of my bikes:
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/W5AOX%20APRS%20BikeMobile.html and
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg

You could scale this easily to 6 meters, but it would be too long and unwieldy even if you could scrounge up materials for it:
A full J pole on 6 meters would be 156" (THIRTEEN FEET) long... my 2 meter J poles constantly whack trees as I ride underneath them and increases the normal wear and tear from flexing.
If you're hooked on the idea of 6M bike mobile, I'd suggest sticking with the usual quarter wave whip mounted somewhere as high on the rear of the bike as possible, using the metal frame of the bike for at least a partial counterpoise. Keep in mind the typical 5/8 wave 2 meter "gain" antenna works well as a loaded quarter wave on 6 meters. It too will suffer from lack of a decent ground plane but will work and only slightly less efficient than a full quarter wave 6 meter antenna... and can be used for both 2 meters and 6.
W5AOX

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "John Stefani" <john.stefani@...> wrote:
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2092. Re: [BMHA] 6 meters bicycle mobile antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-15 22:05:42 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2090 Message: 2092

In a very recent issue of CQ, there was an article on helical wound vertical antennas. I think just applying the math to calculate the height for 6 m should help you out.

I've been considering 6 m for bicycle mobile as well. I have a good magnetic mount mobile antenna for 6, 2 and 0.7 m bands, but it requires a good ground plane -- not readily available on a bicycle.

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

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2093. Re: [BMHA] 6 meters bicycle mobile antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-16 07:13:45 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2090 Message: 2093

Oops! Wrong magazine. It was the June 2009 issue of QST. The article was, "The No Excuses 160 Meter Vertical" It is about constructing a helical wound antenna for 160 m. Should be able to do the math for a 6 meter one and be quite short.

I will keep an eye out for other possibilities.

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

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2094. Silent Key...Walter Cronkite/amateur radio operator

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-18 18:07:34 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2094 Message: 2094

The links below will take you to samples photos and video of Walter Cronkite's 2005 narration about the Marconi Marine Radio Station in Chatham, MA. Spark gap transmissions can be heard on the video. I don't know if he did any work after this project.
I am in no way associated with the companies in the links below. Just passing it along for general interest.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/mychatham/2403978726/

http://www.mooncusserfilms.com/

73
Jim
W1RO/7

2095. 6m

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-07-21 17:30:10 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2095 Message: 2095

I realize that this probably isn't helpful in this case, but when the YL and I rode our tandem from Montreal to Halifax a few years ago pulling a BOB trailer, I realized that we could put up a fullsize 6m DIPOLE on the bike/trailer combination with short support 'masts' on the two handlebars and the back of the trailer (with a screen door spring to allow turns). The stoker/operator was right at the center feedline position. Unfortunately we didn't realize this until AFTER a great opening into Europe from the east coast then.

73, Barry
VE7VIE

6 meters bicycle mobile antenna

Posted by: "John Stefani"
john.stefani@...

ve3tiz

Wed Jul 15, 2009 8:06 am (PDT)

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2096. Louisville KY Ironman

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-08-26 10:26:07 UTC
From: kd8gvm
Topic: 2096 Message: 2096

Morning All

My wife and I will be in Louisville this weekend for the Ironman, Beth is running and I will be bike mobile around town and the course. If anyone is in the area and has a freq suggestion let me know so we can get on the air.

I will be running dual band with a FT60 and a comet antenna.

Kevin Gilday
KD8GVM
Detroit, MI

2097. My 2M voice and APRS set up for a century ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-08-27 01:11:38 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2097 Message: 2097

(edited from my post on the Byonics MicroTrak group
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MicroTrak/message/1348> with less
emphasis on the MT hardware)

I have uploaded photos of the setup I used to help the Loudoun Amateur
Radio Group provide communications support for a century ride this past
weekend. I wanted keep things as compact and lightweight as possible,
as the Reston (VA) Century ride has about 6,000 ft of climbing, some at
>10% grades. Since the bike is also my regular ride for fast group
rides, I needed minimal changes to the bike and no permanent mods to it.
I have a commuter bike where adding racks, bags, etc. is no problem!
Most of the work concentrated on a better APRS tracker while retaining
my set up for the primary voice net on 2 meters simplex.

Photos are here:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/list
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/list>
or look in photos for "KS1G"

I had tried last year to put together a tracker using a TinyTrak3, an
old 5W HT, and a mouse-style GPS packed in a seat-bag. The tracker
worked poorly - it was
heavy, batteries came loose, it was difficult to pack, and when it did
work, very few packets were received by the APRS network once I got a
few miles from
my home fill-in digi or a better local digi. The Byonics MicroTrak 8000
is a compact (1"x5") tracker and 8W transmitter and looked like a better
answer to what I wanted.

The MicroTrak 8000 and a Byonics GPS3 are housed in a plastic Radio
Shack 6x3x2 project box. External toggle switches select on/off and
primary/secondary ID, plus I installed an external charge jack and a 19"
wire as a counterpoise (required to prevent RF feedback locking up the
tracker). 8xAA 2700mAH NiMH cells are
installed internally. Programming requires opening the case and sliding
on a DB9 connector; I may decide ad a jack for serial data for easier
programming.
Tracker board, switches, jacks, and GPS3 are attached to the lid,
batteries to the inside of the case. I used a knife and coping saw to
cut a slot for the
tracker board SMA connector and drilled 2 holes in the lid and one in
the case to make the GPS and tracker status LEDs visible.

The antenna (1/4 wave whip with PL259 mount) is secured with a hose
clamp and 2 zip ties to a strip of metal attached to the back of the
case. A SMA-SO239 pigtail

connects the tracker and provides strain relief. The SMA connection is taped and tied to keep it from vibrating loose. I DO NOT suggest direct mounting of
an antenna, even a lightweight 17" SMA whip - too much vibration on a bike and I destroyed a connector before I learned this! In addition to the counterpoise
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itself does not provide an RF ground.

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-08-27 14:46:13 UTC
From: Opusnugen
Topic: 2097 Message: 2098

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Brian
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-08-28 02:02:40 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 396 Message: 2099

Very interesting. I have done bike-based APRS support myself on shorter events, but as a Randonneur (ultramarathon cyclist), I'd love to have a untralight tracker that will work in the 'boonies' for 4 days (the time limit for the 1200km.75m event is 90 hours). But a solution is not yet in site, even using solar power. Not enough digis (over 750m) is an issue.

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73, and keep the rubber side down.
Barry, VE7VIE/WV2J

--- On Thu, 8/27/09, BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-08-28 18:28:33 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2100 Message: 2100

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-08-28 19:10:29 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 2100 Message: 2101

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Flight Deck mount and have to be installed. You could probably find
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Date: 2009-08-29 01:35:21 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2100 Message: 2102

Drat - you're right! I'd assumed the dimple I was feeling in the brake hood was a real switch when I should have looked first. Still, gives me another idea about where to put a switch and how to protect it from the weather. Or maybe I can find someone with a blown flight deck wiring harness....

Thanks for the pointer, Kelly.

73
Steve KS1G

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Kelly Bersch <KBBersch@...> wrote:
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> You'll find that there is a PLACE for a button on each brake hood.
> There are no buttons on the brake hoods. The buttons come with the
> Flight Deck mount and have to be installed. You could probably find
> something that will work if you look around. I've had the same thoughts
> but don't have the time or equipment yet for my bike so I haven't really
> researched what type of button & circuit board combination 'd have to
> come up with.
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> 73 de AC7EW
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2103. Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-04 14:19:49 UTC
From: n1evh
Topic: 2103 Message: 2103

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2104. Re: [BMHA] Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-04 16:39:59 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2103 Message: 2104

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Try it. I mounted a rack (clamp on) to the seat post of both my road and track bikes. I used metal shim material instead of the rubber provided by the manufacturer. I have DC continuity from the rack to the handlebars with no further additions. It works great with a comet dual band and the co-ax that comes on the regular mounts. (Pictures are available in a past issue of the newsletter.)
One of the things to remember is that there is no "perfect" antenna or set up. If it does what you want it's good. I get into repeaters at 20 miles so I'm happy.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 87,000 miles
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2105. Re: [BMHA] Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-04 14:41:33 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2103 Message: 2105

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2106. Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-04 18:04:51 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2103 Message: 2106

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How much power were you using for your 6m simples? Did you need to use any additional counterpoise?

I've had some modest success on 20m using a hamstick. However, the bike is a Bike Friday folder and lacks enough metal to provide a counterpoise. But by using towing a trailer and using a jumper to connect the two I was able to receive good ssb reports between Dallas and Chicago.

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72 de Scott/n7net

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2107. [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-04 18:40:21 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2103 Message: 2107

The ICom T90A puts out 5 watts on 6M. We get as much as 6 or 7 miles away from each other when doing the rides through the mountains. Barb's bike is a carbon fiber frame so using it as a ground plane doesn't work, and she's picky about having a big antenna so we have one of the flexible whip HT antenna's strapped to the seat tube. I haven't tried using a counterpoise yet (I do have a tiger tail that I can hang off of the antenna mount at the bottom bracket) since it works well enough so far, and for the most part she hits the 2 meter repeaters without a problem on the big rides (Tour de Cure, MS150 etc) where she's riding her bike as a ride marshall (she was able to hit the repeater on Logan Peak from Weston, ID with a slightly scratchy but readable signal <it's about 20-25 miles straightline>). For most of the rides I am in the Rover with my FT-8900 into a Comet UHV-4 antenna running at 10 Watts. (Yeah, I know.. I need to ride more... I'm barely able to keep up with our team on the Sunday morning "casual" ride that's through the flat parts of Salt Lake City).

>>> n7net<n7net@...> 9/4/2009 12:04 PM >>>

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2108. Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-04 18:41:13 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 2103 Message: 2108

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2109. Re: [BMHA] Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-04 22:51:14 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2103 Message: 2109

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2110. Re: [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-04 23:12:11 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2103 Message: 2110

Well... you don't really need a ground plane on 2m. Most of the dual-band mobile antennas made these days (whether by Diamond, Comet, Larson, etc) are "ground independent"... they don't need a ground plane at all.

My Diamond CR627B is a 1/4-wave on 6m, three 1/4-wave on 2m, and three 5/8-wave on 70cm. It says it doesn't need a ground plane for 2m or 70cm, only for 6m.

I checked my bike with a continuity meter... and I was surprised to see that when I put one lead on the antenna mount and the other lead on various parts of the bike (screws that attach the bike rack to the frame... screws that attach the water bottle cage to the frame... handlbar post)... it beeped. So I
guess there is metal-to-metal contact between my homemade antenna mount and the rest of the bike.

When I connected myVX-7R to the antenna on my bike with some RG-8X and my Diamond SX-600 SWR meter... it showed under 2:1 on all bands. I may be able to get it lower if I play around with the antenna.

Well... I don't know how much coax I need... but 10 to 12 feet was just a guess.
I have a website that is a "coax calculator"... it shows how much loss there is
at a frequency for various types of coax. RG-58 has between .468dB and .67dB of loss (depending on which if the various types of RG-58 you use) on 2m at 10 feet, LMR-195/200 has .392dB of loss on 2m at 10 feet, RG-174 has 1.06dB of loss on 2m at 10 feet, and LMR-100 has .879dB. 6m is a bit better for each
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2111. Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-05 00:13:26 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2103 Message: 2111

Without a flat surface or radials for a ground plane for 2m and 440 you can't know where you signal is going. It could be transmitting a good portion of it straight up.

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> First... I have a Trek 3700 mountain bike. I've added a Topeak Explorer
> Tubular Rack (w/o springs) on it. I then cut and put a flat piece of
> alumunim on the rack. At the end of the piece of aluminum... I put an
> aluminum "L" bracket that originally had a SO-239 to 3/8-24 adaptor on
> it and i drilled it out and out a 2" SO-2399 bulkhead barrel on it. I
> have a Diamond CR627B (6m/2m/70cm tri-band) mobile antenna that I was
> going to put on it.
>
> Now there was some recent talk of running 6m on a bike... and people
> talking about how big a 6m j-pole would be. Now since this Diamond
> antenna is a 1/4-wave on 6m... has anyone tried bonding the antenna
> mount to the bike (since there is paint between the antenna mount and
> bike rack and then between the bike rack and bike) to see if a bike
> would provide an ample groundplane for 6m???
>
> Also... what would you use for coax and... is coax length critcal???
> At first I was thinking about using like 10 to 12 feet of RG-58A
> (it has a stranded center conductor compared to the solid center
> conductor in regular RG-58)... but then started to think about using
> 10 to 12 feet of like RG-174 or LMR-100 with either BNCs or SMAs on
> both sides.
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> This setup would mostly be used on 2m.
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> Thanks,
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> Mike - N1EVH
> n1evh@...
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2112. Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-05 01:21:44 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2103 Message: 2112

Mike:

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73 Steve KS1G

2113. Re: [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-05 03:22:14 UTC
From: Bill V WA7NWP
Topic: 2103 Message: 2113

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with a matching section.

I'm a big fan of them. Specially one made completely from RG-58.
There's a web page out here somewhere documenting it but I keep losing
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Bill - WA7NWP

2114. [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-05 04:31:31 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2103 Message: 2114

Not sure about the sentiment on SMA connectors... Barb has ridden the 175 miles of the Tour de Park City twice now, LOTOJA last year and a whole bunch of other 100 mile rides with the ICom connected to the antenna with SMA connectors and that's one thing that has never fallen off or worked loose. I do make sure the connectors are really snugged down (finger tight) but I'd trust the SMA more than I would a BNC. Personal opinion.

>>> BrassRat77<ks1g04@...> 9/4/2009 7:21 PM >>>
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2115. Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-05 14:04:09 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2103 Message: 2115

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I should have explained better what I meant. I was thinking of end fed 1/2 wave antenna designs for HF where instead of the transmission line-based matching section of a j-pole, the antenna uses a tuned circuit from discrete components for the high-z to low-z matching. Although I have not seen any plans for one at VHF and have not taken the time yet to work out the component values for the matching section myself. At VHF, a transmission line match may simply be better than lumped components. Length of the matching section is not a problem at VHF, and twin lead is certainly cheap enough.

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You should post it here if you do find it. The closest thing I've found is a coaxial vertical dipole, made by either folding back the coax braid for about 19" or sliding the coax through a separate braid; the center connector forms the upper half of the dipole and you weather-seal it. Hangs like a jpole but eliminates the length of the matching section. I have one I found at a hamfest eons ago, my patience and dexterity (or lack of) has prevented me from replicating the design myself. so far.

I also located a tri band (6/2/70cm) Diamond mobile whip I forgot I had. I can mount it on my commuter bike off the rear rack; I may try some comparisons of how it performs vs. the flagpole jpole.

73 Steve KS1G

2116. Re: [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-06 18:40:11 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2103 Message: 2116

Well... I'm not making my selection of RG-58 or RG-174 on "weight"... I'm making it on the flexibility of the coax up at the radio end (with constant turning of the handlebars).

I know its not much movement... but I've never liked the idea of a single, solid, small gauge diameter center conductor in a coax when there would be coax movement. At least RG-174 has a stranded center conductor. LMR-100 is the same size as RG-174... but I believe that too had a solid center conductor. I would probably be happy with some RG-58A which has a stranded center conductor.

6m isn't a "must" for me... I was curious about 6m since I have a tri-band mobile antenna that I can use on my mountain bike. With the Diamond CR627B being a 1/4-wave on 6m... I didn't know if the bike's frame would offer up enough of a counterpoise/groundplane for 6m or not. This is why I figured I would ask if anyone has done/tried that already. If I only had a 2m/70cm dual-band mobile antenna... then I wouldn't be wondering about getting 6m to work on my bike (even tho I have a VX-7R and a VX-5R before that).

The rack on my bike... has been on there. I didn't put it on there with the thoughts of using it to mount a mobile antenna on it. I just never really thought
about attaching some sort of mount to it for VHF/UHF work until recently. In the past... I've usually just used an HT with a "better than stock" rubber
duck antenna.

Once I get my mobile antenna setup and working on my bike... them I may see about trying to mount my FT-817 on my bike. Could put it in the trunk bag on the rack... but then I would need to rig up a speaker and I wouldn't be able to change frequencies easily (and I would lose out on my ability to receive local police and fire... due to receive limitations of the FT-817).

Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

-------Original Message-------

From: Mickey Applebaum
Date: 9/5/2009 12:31:53 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

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2117. Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-08 15:25:49 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 2103 Message: 2117

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2118. Re: [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-08 15:41:13 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 2103 Message: 2118

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In a message dated 9/8/2009 11:27:02 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, w5aox@... writes:

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2119. RE: [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-08 15:44:44 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2103 Message: 2119

Here, here!! I agree I have used a th7 since they came out on my bikes BNC, RG-58, to NMO mount on rack. Never a problem. Go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/N0HZ/ to see pictures of my old bike and the installation I have used since before 2003. I easily put on 3000 miles per year/summer and remember this is MN. I rode around Lake Superior last year with this setup. You can read about it and see pictures at www.jarosh.org. I have had more issues with my Car installations.

Earl, N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of jimdevenport
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 10:26 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

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2120. Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-08 16:02:38 UTC
From: jimdevenport
Topic: 2103 Message: 2120

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2121. Re: Setting up a antenna on a bike..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-09 01:08:56 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2103 Message: 2121

I agree with Jim that SMA's on HTs seem inevitable, at least on the smaller rigs. And I like the positive lock feature of BNC, something SMA, UHF, and even N lack. Not that any connector on an HT is going to last in a mobile environment without strain relief (my old FT209 was my mobile rig for a few years and also had connector issues).

In the meantime, I'll use a wrap or 2 of electrical tape to keep SMA connectors on but removable when I need to go walkabout off the bike.

And speaking of UHF, I've been testing a SO239-base whip on the bike and am less than impressed by it's habit of loosening in a just a few miles. (Also unimpressed by the fewer position packets getting through but that's a different thread.) It always stayed put on the car. Sounds like a job for - more tape! (So if duct tape is like The Force, is electrical tape like a padwan?)

73 Steve KS1G

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "jimdevenport" <w5aox@...> wrote:
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2122. 17 and 20 M bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-12 09:00:01 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 2122 Message: 2122

I will be operating both 17 and 20M ssb bicycle mobile tomorrow (Sunday)

I will be operational between 1300 - 1500 GMT, so if anyone is interested in arranging a sked please let me know via e-mail at davidandtacy@...

I will get the stations I talk to to post me on the web-cluster so the exact operational frequency will be on there.

Best 73's

G4AKC/BM

2123. Bicycle mobile sked

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2124. Pedestrian to pedestrian 20M QSO

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-14 17:18:27 UTC
From: davidandtracy
Topic: 2124 Message: 2124

Hi All,

I was out over the weekend using both bicycle and backpack pedestrian mobile.

Lots of good contacts on 20M SSB into both East and West Coast USA.

However the best contact was on Sunday, 13th September ... "Pedestrian mobile to pedestrian mobile" to Paul W0YR in Colorado at a distance of 7,300KM on 20M SSB, both stations runing 40 Watts into home made vertical antenna's and signals of 55 both way.

73's ...

Dave G4AKC

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2125. Work the Ham Satellites with Your HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-09-29 10:34:39 UTC
From: K6LCS
Topic: 2125 Message: 2125

I just updated my four-page tutorial that gets you working the FM sats with equipment you probably already own. One change is the addition of a single Web page with all the URLs and resources mentioned in the document. Download a copy of the handout at ...

http://www.work-sat.com

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
909-241-7666

2126. Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 02:07:53 UTC
From: albeham2001
Topic: 2126 Message: 2126

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So what can you tell me?

AL
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2127. RE: [BMHA] Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 02:20:13 UTC
From: Jack R Smith
Topic: 2126 Message: 2127

Are you planning on staying 2-wheeled, or looking at 3?

Jack KE4LWT

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of albeham2001
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 9:08 PM
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2128. RE: [BMHA] Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 02:35:47 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2126 Message: 2128

Yes.. I would like the 3 wheel. I am looking at the use market, and maybe a trade.
AL
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-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Jack R Smith
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2129. RE: [BMHA] Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 03:10:45 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2126 Message: 2129

I've had a chance to ride one of these and they are wonderful and comfortable...

http://www.utahtrikes.com/

>>> Mr Albert Furlow<albeham@...> 10/7/2009 8:35 PM >>>

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2130. Re: Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 15:12:07 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2126 Message: 2130

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From: aa9il@sbcglobal.net
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Date: 2009-10-08 17:06:24 UTC
From: CSM(r) Gary Huber - AB9M
Topic: 2133 Message: 2133

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Three rings up front by eight in the rear give plenty of range from 16 inches to 116 inches per crank revolution.

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From: Mr Albert Furlow
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> So what can you tell me?

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> AL

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2136. FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 20:48:57 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2136 Message: 2136

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Any thoughts?

Mickey
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2137. Re: Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 20:54:58 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2126 Message: 2137

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> crag list, but would like to test ride one to see if its a fit. Where do I
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Al: Where are you in MD? Mt Airy Bikes/College Park Bikes (2 locations) is sells new and used recumbents. http://www.bike123.com/ I'd check out their web site and call them. Closer to me (but a lot farther for you), Bikes@Vienna (Vienna VA) sells new and used 'bents and usually has a variety available for rent and test riding on the W&OD bike trail.

73 de Steve KS1G

2138. RE: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 20:57:47 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2136 Message: 2138

After reading that part. That gentlemen needs to find another hobby. As I read it, I see he has no case what so ever.

But in saying that, have a talk with ARRL.

AL KA1FFO

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Mickey Applebaum
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 4:49 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

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2139. RE: [BMHA] Re: Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 20:59:26 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2126 Message: 2139

Thanks Steve, I am in Severn, MD.
I am also looking at a trade with another ham using my SGC SG-2020 as a trade.

AL

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of BrassRat77
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2140. RE: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 21:03:54 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2136 Message: 2140

Also found this.
http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=220443

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2141. RE: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 21:21:41 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2136 Message: 2141

Actually, in 97.113 it does state that Amateur Radio should not be used when another radio service (i.e. Land, Marine, Commercial) is available and able to provide the support needed.

For the Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure (which I help co-ordinate the SAG support) this would mean that we have to contact a commercial radio service provider, have them tell us whether they can cover the entire route, and then get them in the field for a proof of service before we can say whether the HAM's would be able to provide support for the ride (assuming the commercial provider can not provide coverage throughout the route). To me, this puts an undue burden on the event organizers to prove that commercial radio services can not cover the event before contacting HAM's to help out.

Mickey
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2142. Re: FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 21:28:29 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 2136 Message: 2142

This article by the ARRL contains some discussion on the subject.

Mike, NF0N

http://www.arrl.org/news/files/ARRL_AppropriateUseGuidelines.pdf

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2143. Re: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 21:42:03 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 2136 Message: 2143

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73 de AC7EW
Kelly

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2144. [BMHA] Re: FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 22:53:38 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2136 Message: 2144

And it's from that article that these lines are from...

It is a narrow path between (1) utilizing beneficial opportunities for public service communications and showcasing the continued relevance and importance of Amateur Radio communications to the public; and (2) allowing organizations to exploit Amateur Radio as a cheap and flexible alternative to the Land Mobile Radio Service, General Mobile Radio Service, or Commercial Mobile Radio Service facilities.

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this is what brings HAM radio use into question for event management...

>>> nf0n<nf0n@...> 10/8/2009 3:28 PM >>>

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2145. Re: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 22:54:32 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2136 Message: 2145

That's a whole different issue... it's this..

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2146. RE: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-08 23:22:27 UTC
From: Jack R Smith
Topic: 2136 Message: 2146

This kind of issue has been brought before the FCC before, and been thrown out. As long as it's not for profit or personal gain, there's no problem. Now, if that individual wants to waste their time and money to take it before them, he can go right ahead. But there's already case law to allow it. The comment about some of the people being employees and Amateurs may have some validity. Solution: No one who is an employee of the organizer may provide amateur radio service while in the employ (on the clock) of the organizer.

Kind of reminds me of somebody who complained to Riley Hollingsworth about me in the mid 90's. Mr. Hollingsworth basically told him to go suck an egg!

Incidentally, "should" has a vastly different meaning than "shall". "Should" is akin to saying, "It doesn't hurt to check", where "shall" is "you must check".

Jack KE4LWT

2147. Re: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-09 00:28:16 UTC
From: terryc
Topic: 2136 Message: 2147

Mickey Applebaum wrote:

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Hams would really just be enhancing the safety and practising their skills they might need in emergencies.

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Terry Collins {:-)}}}}}
Bicycles, Appropriate Technology, Natural Environment, Welding

2148. Re: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-09 01:12:23 UTC
From: saanpregion@gmail.com
Topic: 2136 Message: 2148

Seems to me that some have gotten confused with this ruling as I have heard that if your on the job ham radio is a no no, but off the job than ham radio is a go! That is how I see it here.

Say my boss wants comm for relief efforts while I am on the clock, I don't even touch the radio - period, now, if I were to volunteer the effort as a ham and not an employee, than, I can justify the use of ham radio to for that matter - otherwise, kiss my grits to ground floor!

Jeff
KE7OUR

-----Original Message-----
Date: Thursday, October 08, 2009 5:28:28 pm
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: "terryc" <terryc@...>
Subject: Re: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

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2149. Re: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-09 03:26:07 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2136 Message: 2149

Unfortunately, that's not how the law is written... this paragraph,

My e-mail from the FCC
In June 2009, I received an e-mail from Laura Smith, an FCC attorney charged with Amateur Radio enforcement. ??

She was responding to a May 2009, blog post on N5FDL.com in which I described a hypothetical event in which hams who are employees of a hospital participated in an on-air Amateur Radio emergency communications exercise, but as volunteers for a county government-sponsored group and on their own time. This appeared to me to avoid the "business communication" prohibition. ??

I was wrong.

"Simply put, a hospital drill that includes any amateur employees of the hospital is a violation of Section 97.113(a) (3). It does not matter if the amateur is "off duty" or on their "lunch hour"; it does not matter if their job description does not include the so-called operation of the amateur radio; it does not matter if they are not getting paid specifically for the drill; it does not matter if they sign a statement indicating that they are doing this strictly as a volunteer. I trust I am making this clear, it does not matter what machinations you come up with, there is no loop hole to the rule. If they are a hospital employee, they may not use the radio on behalf of their employer - period."

is from a QRZ blog at http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=218059

Which still does not have any bearing on the requirement to use Part 90 communications for public service events, such as bike rides and parades and such, which is the part I am wondering how folks are going to address for the upcoming riding season... this is stated in the FCC regulations as such...

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>>> saanpregion@...<saanpregion@...> 10/8/2009 7:12 PM >>>

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2150. Re: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-09 10:31:56 UTC
From: Roger Reini
Topic: 2136 Message: 2150

On Oct 8, 2009, at 11:26 PM, Mickey Applebaum wrote:

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You're leaving out an important point, Mickey. The actual text of the regulation says this (from http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/news/part97/b.html#113): "(a) No amateur station shall transmit: ... (5) Communications, ON A REGULAR BASIS, which could reasonably be furnished alternatively through other radio services." [emphasis added]

That statement about a regular basis makes all the difference, in my opinion. It seems unreasonable to consider an annual parade or bike ride as something that is occurring on a regular basis for the purposes of the regulations. Now if the organization were sponsoring a bike ride every week, same time, same place, then one could say THAT would be problematic for using amateur radio.

In the ARRL Appropriate Use document that was mentioned here earlier, it says "A good rule of thumb when evaluating a particular request for communications support is, ?Who benefits?? If public safety is the principal beneficiary, then ?97.1 is being fulfilled. If the entity itself and not the general public is the principal beneficiary, then they should be encouraged to use radio services other than Amateur Radio." It seems to me that public safety, and the public in general, is the clear and principal beneficiary for these events.

Just my 2 cents...

Roger, KD8CSE

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2151. Re: [BMHA] FCC and ride support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-09 15:32:02 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2136 Message: 2151

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The rules are certainly open to interpretation, and few of us are
lawyers, so I think we need to make best effort to comply with the
spirit of the regulations.

I've seen for-profit organizations like athletic events, which use
hams to provide services that really could be done by cell phone or
other means.
This does make me nervous. The local hams seem to be ok with ignoring
the fact that these are for-profit events and by providing free
support we are increasing the profits. They want to get ham radio out
there at every opportunity, and I'm all behind that, but the main
thing that separates us from the CBers is that we follow the rules.

If the event is for a charity, non-profit, or disaster preparedness,
then I don't see any conflict. Even if there WERE other services that
could provide comms, the disaster drills are done assuming that those
entities are offline or choked with other traffic.

Bottom line, we are each responsible for complying with the regs, and
we should do what we think is right, because we will individually bear
the consequences if we are wrong.

And it wouldn't hurt for there to be a document showing cases that
illustrate how the FCC is interpreting the regs!

2152. Recumbents

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-09 18:02:05 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 168 Message: 2152

I don't know much about 'bents, but will probably wind up with one since I have developed a bad neck. So thanks for the Utah link. I'd like a tandem one, though, for my YL/stoker. That TerraTrike Tandem is lovely, but I'd like to get something cheaper(!).

BTW in the Pac. NW, Cambie cycles in Vancouver BC, Fairfield in Victoria BC and Coventry in Portland, OR specialize in 'bents. There must be a store in Seattle, but I don't know... But I'd certainly recommend riding one of these before you buy one - i.e. your LBS rather than online purchasing.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

--- On Thu, 10/8/09, BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 809
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2009, 4:50 AM

Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent
From:
albeham2001
1b.

Re: Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent
From:
Jack R Smith
1c.

Re: Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent
From:
Mr Albert Furlow
1d.

2153. RE: [BMHA] Re: Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-09 21:37:37 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2126 Message: 2153

Thanks to all that have supplied input. I stopped by a shop and took a test ride...Now I need to get a few hundred up to get it.
Being a VET I need to save my pennies for it. But I'll get it.
With a little luck I can sell off my HF 20 w Rig and use that cash to get it.

Thanks
AL
KA1FFO

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of AOX
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 11:12 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Recumbents remain very pricey whether online or in your local bike supermarket. Used ones, however, can be quite reasonable by comparison. Watch www.craigslist.org and Ebay regularly if you want to catch one.
I belong to a local cycling club mailing list and spotted a guy who was offering 2 recumbents for sale. The wife and I went over to look at them. One was shorter and one was a long unit, sufficient for me to fit at 6 feet 2 inches. The wifey, a non cyclist, somehow got enamored with the smaller one and took it "just for a spin". I wound up having to buy both of them... for less than the normal recumbent price. 400 for mine and 300 for the wife's. I ride mine daily across town to work and the wife rides hers a couple times a month.
My perceived advantages of a bent:
-Ride faster with same effort

-Slightly less tired for a given travel distance

-Occasionally outrun or pass other cyclists (almost NEVER happened on my DF stock bike) - a nice feature at age 62

-Headwinds still slow me down but not discouragingly. It doesn't feel like I'm pushing a block wall on the 'bent (lying back presents a lower profile and thus pushes and intercepts less wind).

-Back and butt no longer suffer excruciating pain during and after rides

-Hands, shoulders, and wrists no longer ache while riding

-Neck no longer hurts from riding bent forward with head cocked back so I can see out front

Disadvanges of my bent:

-Takes a while to learn how to ride with the different center of gravity, braking behavior, etc.

-CANNOT stand up on the pedals to start or accelerate

-MUST gear down for every slowdown or stop, see previous

-As per above, jackrabbit starts are nigh impossible with my bent, so bigger gaps are necessary for me to cross a traffic filled street.

Most of us cyclists are used to being able to stand up on the pedals and leap forward in quick bursts to avoid obstacles or catch openings in traffic.... can't do that on a bent.

My bent is about 1/3 longer than my DF bikes, but it still mounts and rides OK on my homemade car bike rack.

I saw a trash truck miss a 'bent rider by mere inches a few months ago. He was so low the stupid truck driver never saw him.
For self respecting bike-hams, that shouldn't be a problem. My fiberglass bike flag (converted into a 2 meter J Pole) tops out at about 8 feet in the air. They cost about $1.50 at Wal Mart so there is little excuse for not using one on all bikes whether wired for RF or not.
Jim W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6 bike-mobile tracker

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2154. Re: Help..I am looking for a bike.. Recumbent

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-24 23:30:32 UTC
From: albeham2001
Topic: 2126 Message: 2154

OK cool. I got one..Yep off of Ebay.. I did a trade with my MTB.
Now I have a RECUMBENTUSA USS in red and it is a blast to ride!
I have 2 meters on it, and since my kids are riding themselves around, I am using the old Kiddy cart as a platform for my HF.

I'll post pics soon.

AL
KA1FFO

2155. Radio mount ideas..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-28 22:21:47 UTC
From: albeham2001
Topic: 2155 Message: 2155

Hello folks..

I am going to mount my SG-2020 or the FT-817 on the bike, but I don't have a rear luggage rack.

So before i buy a new one, I would like to see what you guys do to mount your rigs and HF antennas..

TNXS
AL KA1FFO

2156. Re: Radio mount ideas..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-29 08:42:01 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2155 Message: 2156

Hi Al,

I mount my radio on the handle bars of my bike, you can see more detail on this link:
www.qrz.com/db/g4akc
The radio can be removed quickly and is waterproofed by a cover which can be seen in the pictures.
Let me know if you want some more detail.

73's ..

Dave G4AKC

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> AL KA1FFO
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2157. Your FT-817 on your bike question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-31 02:19:45 UTC
From: albeham2001
Topic: 2157 Message: 2157

OK, now that I have a good idea what I am going to do, the question is, folks with the FT-817 on there ride, tell me, how does it hold up?
I am worry about the shock placed on it when I ride.

AL
KA1FFO

2158. Re: Your FT-817 on your bike question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-10-31 02:22:31 UTC
From: n1rwy
Topic: 2157 Message: 2158

Fine.. It will serve you well. I had mine in a padded case so I could cover the flap if it started raining / sprinkling..

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2159. Re: Your FT-817 on your bike question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-11-02 16:27:07 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2157 Message: 2159

I find carrying my bike radio(s) in the carry-packs, whether leather or cloth, provides very good isolation from the normal jarring of the bicycle while in motion. Backpack, pannier, etc, also provide shock isolation to some degree.
If mounting the control head on the handlebars is desired, I suggest making or procuring a shock absorbing mount. For my TH-D7 handlebar mount I use a Ram lexan TH-D7 bracket mounted to an aluminum plate sandwiched to a copper clad PC board plate which has the actual clamps etc. to attach to the handlebars. The "vibration sandwich filling" I use is 1" gray cellular foam padding, robbed from various shipping packages wherein test equipment was unpacked when received.
I always keep several sheets of this stuff stashed in the storage places at the house for replacement purposes, but surprisingly the life span seems to be good. The latest foam sheet has lasted over 2 years (5-days-a-week bicycle commuting 10 months out of the year) without deteriorating to the replacement point.
W5AOX

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2160. Re: Your FT-817 on your bike question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-11-02 18:29:40 UTC
From: n1rwy
Topic: 2157 Message: 2160

I guess it depends on the riding you plan on doing.
If you are looking for dirt / rough roads, I would consider something that will have some shock protection. WA5's list below sounds like something that would work well.

However, if you are looking for casual street riding, with the occasional bump or pothole.. You can get away with just a padded case.

On my Rans Veloctiy squared (recumbent) during my 2003-4 east coast bicycle tour from Canada to Key west Florida, 99% was street riding. No problems with the padded case, the radio survived fine and still get used today.

Now.. the real question... how / what are you going to use for a Mic?
Wind noise, especially over 18 MPH, really comes into play.

- Jay N1RWY

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> > > KA1FF0
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2161. RE: [BMHA] Re: Your FT-817 on your bike question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-11-03 01:13:37 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2157 Message: 2161

I like the bag thing, that's what I am doing now, but I did mount a pad up front for the FT-187 with padding wrapped around it.

AL
KA1FFO

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of n1rwy
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2009 1:30 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Your FT-817 on your bike question

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2162. Miracle Mixed-mode dipole

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-11-27 15:27:47 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2162 Message: 2162

Greetings all,

Went to the Miracle website http://miracleantenna.com/mmd.htm and it was a bit sparse on information. I was contemplating using this as a fixed antenna in a long wire configuration.

Anybody have any info on this puppy? I seems to recall some negative issues with this outfit?

73,

Ron Baran
W9XS

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2163. Re: Miracle Mixed-mode dipole

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-11-28 23:49:42 UTC
From: k5est
Topic: 2162 Message: 2163

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<http://www.wa0itp.com/antennas.html>

and I know it works very well.

73....Walter - K5EST

2164. Re: [BMHA] Re: Miracle Mixed-mode dipole

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-11-29 15:57:29 UTC
From: ruko
Topic: 2162 Message: 2164

Looks like it can be end fed so you could drag it. :)

--- On Sat, 11/28/09, k5est <k5est@...> wrote:

From: k5est <k5est@yahoo.com>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Miracle Mixed-mode dipole
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Saturday, November 28, 2009, 5:49 PM

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2165. RE: [BMHA] Re: Miracle Mixed-mode dipole

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-11-29 21:12:27 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2162 Message: 2165

Nice Walter! Quick update - not for the bike :-(

Seemed like a goofy configuration and I couldn't understand exactly what they were doing - not that I'm that bright about antenna theory in the first place.

I wonder how many of the group routinely play bike mobile on the HF frequencies? It seems that, as Cycle 24 starts to ramp up, HF bike mobile ought to become a little more feasible.

I think that you're right about the long wire antenna. With the lay of the land at this QTH it seems like the only reasonable way to get on 40 and 80.

73, Ron

Ron Baran

Willowbrook, IL

W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: ruko2001@...
Date: Sun, 29 Nov 2009 07:57:29 -0800
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Miracle Mixed-mode dipole

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2166. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum 2010

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-12-04 18:39:46 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 2166 Message: 2166

We have been approved for a BMHA Forum in 2010. Our time will be on Sunday morning for 1 1/2 hours. More detail to follow.

I am looking for speakers and those who wish to demo their setup or project. If the Hamvention stipend is as in prior years, speakers will receive a Hamvention pass and a good parking spot.

Happy Holidays to all and get those miles in on the bike, maybe inside!

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2167. Battery Charger Deal on Amazon - TODAY ONLY!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-12-04 18:41:42 UTC
From: K6LCS
Topic: 2167 Message: 2167

Today only, Amazon has the La Crosse BC-9009 AlphaPower Battery Charger for $34.99 shipped. And in addition to NiCD/NiMH charger, you get four AA rechargeables, four AAA's, adapters for C and D cells, and a travel case.

Charger features four independent status displays, one for each of its four slots. They can cycle through stats like charge rate, discharge rate, elapsed time, and total battery capacity.

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/B00077AA5Q

Clint, K6LCS

2168. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum 2010

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-12-05 02:06:26 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2166 Message: 2168

I am planning to come next year. I'll be bringing my folding bike, which doubles as a tripod for a Buddipole mast. That's 'bicycle stationary' but I use a bike to get to operating locations - usually mountaintopping.

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

--- On Fri, 12/4/09, nf0n <nf0n@...> wrote:

From: nf0n <nf0n@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum 2010
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, December 4, 2009, 10:39 AM

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Mike, NF0N

BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

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2170. Re: [BMHA] Check out my photos on Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-12-27 01:26:24 UTC
From: alfa011@prtc.net
Topic: 2169 Message: 2170

Hello.

Searched at Facebook via glhuber@... and via your name without
avail.

Are you set up as a group or personal page?

The only thing I found is shown below.

Name: This ones for GARY HUBER
Type: Student Groups
Members: 64 members

I can be found via alfa011@...

Quoting Gary Huber <glhuber@...>:

> Hi,
>
> I set up a Facebook profile where I can post my pictures, videos
and
> events and I want to add you as a friend so you can see it. First,
> you need to join Facebook! Once you join, you can also create your
> own profile.
>
> Thanks,
> Gary
>
> To sign up for Facebook, follow the link below:
>
http://www.facebook.com/p.php?i=751945618&k=3ZDU42QZ4T6G6BD1SBZTRQQVU6BAY3WCQSGX&r
>
>
>
> Already have an account? Add this email address to your account
http://www.facebook.com/n/?merge_accounts.php&e=bmha@yahoogroups.com&c=79322db5c7bdcef9a9e
512ae9715784b.bmha@yahoogroups.com
was invited to join Facebook by Gary Huber. If you do not wish to
receive this type of email from Facebook in the future, please click
on the link below to
> unsubscribe.
>
http://www.facebook.com/o.php?k=40f810&u=100000205835056&mid=1a0af1bG5af31cbf0b30G0G8
> Facebook's offices are located at 1601 S. California Ave., Palo
Alto,
> CA 94304.
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>
> This list now requires approval to join. New members are
moderated
> to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to

> such posts will be deleted.
>
> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com
for
> questions and/or suggestions.
>
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> Yahoo! Groups Links
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This message was sent using http://webmail.coqui.net

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2171. Re: Check out my photos on Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-12-27 04:25:35 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2169 Message: 2171

This looks to be one of the "pushed-the-wrong-button" invitations that sends an invite to everyone in the subject's address book (which included BMHA).

We'll let Gary post a more specific message to the group if this was his intent. Else just consider this to be Facebook self-advertising itself.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

2172. Re: [BMHA] Re: Check out my photos on Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-12-27 15:01:21 UTC
From: CSM(r) Gary Huber - AB9M
Topic: 2169 Message: 2172

Sorry. Accidently pushed the wrong button... every entry in my email address book (over 500 entries) received an invitation!

73,

Gary - AB9M

From: Skip
Sent: Saturday, December 26, 2009 10:25 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Check out my photos on Facebook

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2173. G4AKC Bicycle and pedestrian mobile on 20M

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2009-12-28 10:39:32 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2173 Message: 2173

Hello everyone and "Happy Holidays"

I will be QRV on 14.200 plus or minus the QRM running high power from either bicycle or pedestrian mobile from around 1400UTC to 1600UTC ...

Weather here is cold around -1 deg but I will have my thermals on and a heated coat which I got for Christmas! .... so should be fine.

Hope to hear from other bike or pedestrian mobile stations.

I will get someone to post on the web cluster to identify my operational frequency.

73's ...

Dave G4AKC

2174. Happy New Year

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-01 01:31:07 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 1069 Message: 2174

One and all.

72 de Scott/n7net

2175. Pedestrian mobile 20M SSB

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-03 14:03:19 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2175 Message: 2175

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

I will be operating 20M SSB pedestrian mobile on or around 14.200 from 1500 - 1630 UTC .... TODAY (SUNDAY)

It would be nice to work another bike or pedestrian mobile station, I will get someone to post my frequency on the web cluster.

I will take regular checks for bike and pedestrian stations...

73's ...

Dave G4AKC

2176. G4AKC to W3FF: pedestrian to tricycle mobile 20M SSB

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-03 22:14:42 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2176 Message: 2176

I had a Great contact today at around 1700 GMT with my good friend Budd W3FF in California who was tricycle mobile on 20M.

I was pedestrian mobile near to the sea in Blackpool and we had 5/9 both ways!

Fantastic start to the year!!

Lets hope for more portable, bicycle and pedestrian activity during 2010.

Well done Budd!!!

73's ....

Dave G4AKC

2177. HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 11:52:08 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2177 Message: 2177

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Hope to see more activity during 2010?

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73's ....

G4AKC/HF Bicycle and Pedestrian mobile.

2178. RE: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 16:02:23 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2177 Message: 2178

From my stand-point up here in Minnesota where it is currently -15F/-26C, it is a little hard to convince myself to do pedestrian mobile let alone take my bike out for a ride. I kind of shut down during the winter unless I go ice fishing in my friend's heated fish house.

Earl, N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of David
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 5:52 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

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2179. Re: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 16:26:45 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2177 Message: 2179

Good point, Earl.

73 de n7net

From: S. Earl Jarosh <earljarosh@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, January 4, 2010 10:02:23 AM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

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2180. Re: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 16:27:04 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2177 Message: 2180

As far as that goes... My wife and son are Tech's and can't use the HF bands so we just do 2 Meter and 440 MHz when on the bikes.. Sometimes, though, there isn't even reason to do that.. for example, last Friday was the New Years Revolution century but there were only 17 riders so we decided to skip putting the HT's on the bikes and all just stuck close together.

Mickey KE7NZA (Barbara KE7TSG and Tyler KF7AMT)

>>> David<davidandtracy@...> 1/4/2010 4:52 AM >>>

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2181. Re: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 16:13:12 UTC
From: Rodney Padmore
Topic: 2177 Message: 2181

...couldn't that qualify as 'Maritime Mobile" with the most fantastic antenna possibilities!? 73 de Rod,VE1BSK.
----- Original Message -----
From: S. Earl Jarosh
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 12:02 PM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

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73's ....

G4AKC/HF Bicycle and Pedestrian mobile.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2182. Re: HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 17:12:17 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2177 Message: 2182

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Many of us (for convenience, antenna size or preference) stick to VHF/UHF when bicycle mobile, and don't do bike-mobile HF.

http://www.lafetra.com/skip/aa6wk/Articles/CQ-VHF/April-1998.htm

- Skip AA6WK

2183. RE: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 19:38:13 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2177 Message: 2183

Good Point I guess that would be correct. It might be interesting to freeze
a tower with guys into the ice.

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Rodney
Padmore
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 10:13 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

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antenna possibilities!? 73 de Rod,VE1BSK.
----- Original Message -----
From: S. Earl Jarosh
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 12:02 PM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

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ice fishing in my friend's heated fish house.

Earl, N0HZ

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of
David
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 5:52 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

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Yahoo! Groups Links

2184. Re: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 19:43:26 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2177 Message: 2184

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Richard Amirault
N1JDU

----- Original Message -----
From: "S. Earl Jarosh"

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> Earl, N0HZ

2185. Re: [BMHA] HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 19:48:25 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 2177 Message: 2185

How about if it is a federal waterway with Coast Guard service, such as the Salt River system in Arizona, lakes in Texas, the Great Lakes. Would that make it "Maritime"?

Paul
KI6QXV

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2186. Re: HF Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-04 21:53:50 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2177 Message: 2186

Hi Guys,

No offence meant, I was just hoping that there would be a bit more activity.
The weather here is the same it was -7 deg C yesterday when I was out, but I was lucky enough to be bought some powered thermal underwear by my XYL so I was toasty warm... until the batteries ran out!

73's ..

Dave G4AKC ...

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2187. Custom Antenna Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-05 03:44:38 UTC
From: william.crews@att.net
Topic: 2187 Message: 2187

I found this great looking antenna mount on a ham's blog site who also enjoys cycling. He milled it himself. I don't have the skills or the equipment to undertake the project so I am looking for a hobby machinist willing to help. Any suggestions? The photo of it is in the group's photo folder under Cutom Antenna Mount.

73
Bill
W2WHC
Houston

2188. Re: [BMHA] Custom Antenna Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-05 03:50:15 UTC
From: David VanHorn
Topic: 2187 Message: 2188

On Mon, Jan 4, 2010 at 8:44 PM, william.crews@... <w2whc@...> wrote:
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If the stock weren't so thick, I'd suggest FrontPanel Express.

I think Emachineshop might work though.

2189. Re: Custom Antenna Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-05 16:47:17 UTC
From: kg6lmy
Topic: 2187 Message: 2189

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "william.crews@..." <w2whc@...> wrote:
>
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> 73
> Bill
> W2WHC
> Houston
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This has me a bit curious. Care to share the blog you saw it on?

-mike
KG6LMY

2190. Re: Custom Antenna Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-06 14:34:33 UTC
From: Ed Nisley
Topic: 2187 Message: 2190

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Ride on!

- -
Ed

2191. RE: [BMHA] Re: Custom Antenna Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-06 21:21:31 UTC
From: Stephen M. Shearer
Topic: 2187 Message: 2191

A suggestion for the SO-239 panel mount:
Instead use a "UG-363/U" UHF Female to UHF Female Bulkhead (2") connector.
An elbow can be used.
It can be converted to BNC.

I have a replacement "UHF nut" that provides a NMO connection (for a VHF/UHF antenna) although a commercial bracket (heavy duty stainless) I use has the NMO connector already.

Nice machine job. I made a "similar" bracket from black delrin to hold my GPS.

73, Steve WB3LGC

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Ed Nisley
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 9:35 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Custom Antenna Mount

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2192. Re: [BMHA] Re: Custom Antenna Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-07 04:18:46 UTC
From: Michael Heffner
Topic: 2187 Message: 2192

Turns out you answered the main question I had which is what kind of bike
it's on. I knew it was a recumbent, (I ride a SWB Jetstream) and was curious
if you're essentially using the entire frame as the ground for the antenna.
I haven't read the link you posted yet, but am heading there now.

-mike
KG6LMY

On Wed, Jan 6, 2010 at 6:34 AM, Ed Nisley <ed.08.nisley@...> wrote:

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2193. Re: Custom Antenna Mount

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-07 14:11:06 UTC
From: Ed Nisley
Topic: 2187 Message: 2193

> Instead use a "UG-363/U" UHF Female to UHF Female
> Bulkhead (2") connector.

That's basically what I've got on the bench: a 1-inch UHF-style threaded snout with a right-angle coax cable attachment on the bottom.

I think they're stainless steel, which should be less anodic against the aluminum than whatever the panel-mount connector was plated with. Poor thing has the ick...

> if you're essentially using the entire frame as the ground
> for the antenna.

It's mounted on a Tour Easy, so in principle there's a looooong bunch of steel down there, but I suspect the frame doesn't work nearly all that well. The seat connects to the bike frame at only four points: two under-seat bolts and two dropout screws, none of which were designed with RF (or even DC) in mind.

But the seat's a hulking mass of steel & aluminum tubing, so it's about as good a counterpoise as I'm going to get. I put that braid on there to bond the antenna base to the seat, sprinkled holy water around the bike, and it's all good.

Mostly we use the radios as intercoms while riding, so anything better than a disconnected coax cable would be OK. They work fine on simplex for public-service events and hit the local repeater (admittedly, high atop Mt Beacon) from pretty nearly everywhere in the area.

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Ed

2194. CW Blog

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-21 18:50:53 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2194 Message: 2194

Twenty years ago I copied a fellow who transmitted sea stories on 40 meters. It was a great help for me and I missed him after the
FCC shut him down.

Without a doubt there are many cyclist wishing they had a better handle on CW, enabling them to keep on pedaling and copying in their head. In an attempt to emulate that old seaman I've initiated a weekly CW Blog.

For starters, I've taken a story about my old friend, KB7HCW (SK) and broken it into three equal parts, converted the text into CW, and placed it on my website that's still under construction.

http://www.qsl.net/n7net/

At the bottom of the home page is place to click for the CW Blog. First, you'll need to wait about 30 seconds for the introduction to finish. In the next day or two I hope to have the plain text available to help those who are still in the early stages of learning CW.

This segment will be replaced in a week with part 2.

73 de Scott/n7net

2195. Bike tours around Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-21 19:58:18 UTC
From: barry_bogart
Topic: 2195 Message: 2195

I has been planning to tour after Dayton, taking the Adv. Cycling Underground Railway route back to Canada:
http://www.adventurecycling.org/routes/undergroundrailroad.cfm?pg=detail&s=4

But I just found out about TOSRV, so I've decided to do that before Dayton. Amtrak has a stop at the south end of TOSRV and Columbus isn't that far from Dayton. Then I'll be able to do FDIM as well.

I was just wondering if anyone here has similar plans or wants to join me on any part of this adventure.

Incidentally I'll be carrying APRS so you can watch me. As WV2J-7.

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

2196. Dave Ingram K4TWJ SK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-22 03:55:07 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2196 Message: 2196

I just happened across this on the ARRL website. Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, CQ Magazine columnist for many years became a Silent Key. Dave has published several articles featuring BMHA members over the years. Dave asked me on several occasions for material and many of you have seen his excellent articles in CQ magazine about BMHA. He will be missed. Here is the link to the ARRL notice:

http://www.arrl.org/?artid=9390

Mike, NF0N

2197. Free Adventure Cycling Membership - Free Adventure Cyclist Magazine

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-22 15:37:30 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2197 Message: 2197

OK, now that I have your attention. As many of you know, BMHA is an affiliated club with the Adventure Cycling organization. Adventure Cycling has provided BMHA with 10 Adventure Cycling membership vouchers for a one year membership. They have also supplied me with 100 special edition Adventure Cyclist magazines.

Here is my shameless bribe. It is past time for a BMHA Newsletter and we need articles. One free membership voucher for each Newsletter article. First come, first serve. Only one each of course. Send your article to our BMHA Newsletter Editor, Norm, N9ZKS at n9zks@... or to me nf0n@...

These memberships vouchers expire in March 2010 so you need to get your BMHA article to us soon. If we have a deluge of articles, one of the magazines will be given. Since we have quite a few special editions of the magazine, I will make them available at the Dayton Hamvention BMHA forum.

BMHA articles can be short, long, or just lot's of pictures. Any will do.

Let's hear from you.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2198. Re: Dave Ingram K4TWJ SK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-22 17:47:11 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2196 Message: 2198

So sorry to hear about Dave K4TWJ, I was only talking to him on the radio a few weeks ago, he will be sadly missed.

There but for the grace of God we go.

Dave G4AKC

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2199. Counterpoise a 20m ham stick

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-22 18:24:30 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2199 Message: 2199

Does anyone have a length of wire that works well for them?

MFJ claims success with ham sticks using their MFJ-909. Has anyone had success using this on 20m and 40m with QRP power levels?

I've had some modest success by tuning the stick and then keeping my coax short and then leaving the tuner at home. But without an antenna analyzer and so much QSB I'm having trouble knowing if I'm making progress.

72 de Scott/n7net

2200. Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride 2010

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-22 20:25:23 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 2200 Message: 2200

Hello BMHA riders!

I thought that I would put out the word that we are going to again have a BMHA -Hamvention bike ride on Saturday afternoon. I am looking forward to getting more people out on the trailthis year, and also more people displaying their human powered mobile hamshacks.
As of right now, we are looking at doing things the same time and place as last year, as seen on the BMHA web site at
http://75.60.24.163/BMHA/Timely/hamvention_ride_2009.htm
Looking at around a 3PM gathering time for eyeball QSOs and to check out the bikes, and a ride start of about 4PM. There is a very nice place to eat after the ride just across the street from the trail head parking lot.
I have been told by Mike, NF0N that there is the possibility that there is a bike shop with rental bikes very close to the trail, for those that might want to ride but will not be able tobring their personal bikes due to flying in or other travel concerns. More info on this as time gets closer..
I hope that you will give some thought to coming out and joining us on the trail!
Lets chat this up to others who might be interested but are not on the BMHA E-group.
73 Arnie KA0NCR

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2201. Changes made to the CW Blog at http://www.qsl.net/n7net/

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-23 04:46:01 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2201 Message: 2201

Hi,

A menu has been added to the CW Blog. Scroll down near the bottom of the page and click on the telegraph key. That will open a window which reads:

Ernie pt 1 5 wpm
Ernie pt 1 15 wpm
Ernie text

You can print the text or display it on the screen. Maybe by summer you won't need a pencil. Instead, you can keep pedaling.

Ernie pt 2 will be available the middle of next week.

72 de Scott/n7net

2202. More on the CW Blog

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-23 04:49:17 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2202 Message: 2202

If the band width narrows the code speed may change.

72 de Scott/n7net

2203. One BMHA Newsletter Article Receive - Ready to receive more

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-27 16:31:46 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2203 Message: 2203

One BMHA article has been received, one Adventure Cycling free one year voucher sent. Only nine vouchers left, if you have an article ready, send to me or Norm, N9ZKS.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2204. Another BMHA article received - only 8 Adventure Cycling membership vouchers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-01-28 15:30:03 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2204 Message: 2204

I have received another BMHA article, there are now only 8 Adventure Cycling membership vouchers left.

Keep 'em coming.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2205. More BMHA Newsletter Articles Needed

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-08 14:08:20 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2205 Message: 2205

I still have 8 Adventure Cycling membership vouchers left. If you want a free one year membership voucher, send me or N9ZKS your BMHA article soon.

Hoping to see the ground soon so I can pedal outdoors.
Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2206. Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-20 15:38:47 UTC
From: William
Topic: 2206 Message: 2206

Everyone on this group will agree that putting a rig on a bike is fun. Working dx from your sleeping bag or chatting while in motion is exciting.
However, has anyone gone beyond the fun factor and actually found it to be a practical tool when on a self sustained tour? If so, how so?
I'm thinking of taking a several week tour and am trying to justify the added weight.
Please tell me of your experiences, pro or con.
Bill, WV1N

2207. Re: [BMHA] Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-20 17:08:32 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2206 Message: 2207

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Sent: Sat, February 20, 2010 9:38:47 AM
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-20 22:40:23 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2206 Message: 2208

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Date: 2010-02-21 00:09:43 UTC
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Topic: 2206 Message: 2209

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2210. Re: [BMHA] Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-21 01:20:22 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2206 Message: 2210

Actually, I use the local repeater, whenever I want to get on.

I use an ARRL repeater book which I keep in my handle bar bag, along with the radio, speaker mike, etc.

I have to point out, I usually don't have it on as there's lots of countryside between any two towns, regardless of where I am.

My main goal is to ride and enjoy the peace and quiet.

Ham radio is secondary and a fun way to meet people.

I have a good day at 100 miles but that's an average goal.

Believe it or not, I've a 1990 Bridgestone T 700 which is a true touring bike.

By that I mean, there's lots of space between the front of the rear tire and the seatpost, making a long wheel base.

It has a triple, the top two ring gears being half steppers which are "old school."

Three water bottle cages, braze ons for two spare spokes, etc.

But, I don't want to mislead you.

I have a Gary Fisher mtn bike and a Look road bike, which is my daily driver.

Once a year I go to GOBA.

See:

http://www.gobahams.org/BikeMobile.htm

and then scroll down to "How to wire a bike for ham radio.

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-21 21:33:03 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2206 Message: 2211

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-22 01:19:07 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2206 Message: 2212

Scott,

Like copying code.

Soothing.

Code's one of those things that keeps me focused in the present and
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From: Jeff Newton
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From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2206 Message: 2214

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Even tho my antenna on my ICOM T-90A is a Tri-bander from Maldol and it just gives me the local 2/440 I need, otherwise, until recently, I'll throw in the MFJ-1721 Ultralight antenna and mag mount on the back of the bike if needed.

The radio's are useful when on tours, lets you talk to the locals and also the veteran hams you already know, especially of you go to another county and of course, if you close enough you've got a back up in case your cellphone goes belly up on its signal strength to the nearest cell tower. Remember its always good to alway program you local repeater's autopatch freq as well - just in case.

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Date: 2010-02-22 09:31:58 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2206 Message: 2215

Bill,

Think of your radio as the "American Express Card - Never leave home without it". I do find biking and ham radio fun as well. People always ask me, what's with the radio gadgets on the bike, when you can do the same with a car - well, I give them a stare like, let's see here - The high price of gas and fuel, maintenace, insurance, besides my tires last longer, doesn't cost me an arm and leg to get a parking ticket or find a parking space, where you would normally find a bike locker or other suitable safe place to park you bike in full frontal view of your presence and most of ALL, its more fitness, than the car alone, unless I'm going to uncle charlies tuna fish party in Charleston, NC., than, I'll drive. ;)

Stupidty may think I'm crazy, but, if I can carry a radio like I can in a car, that's all that matters to me. Biking is fun, less traffic than those mean LA and NYC streets.

As for the radio being a practical tool - heck, I went on a bike ride once and I was looking for a great place to eat, several hams came up on the repeater suggesting the same place and a few others, I invited them to join me, some did, These guys were old timers and never seen a "bike mobile" ham before, but it literally gave them some ideas of their own as well.

That was the fun part. I not only, take it touring on day rides with me, but also mountain biking as well, it beats where my own department radio can't reach.

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Date: 2010-02-22 15:02:38 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2206 Message: 2216

The mag mount antennas of which I'm familiar are all 5/8 wave and require a substantial flat area as a ground plane. Without this flat area your signal goes everywhere, even straight up, so I'm told. In spite of that I've used them on truck mirrors and bikes. They work until you're in a fringe area at which time no one can hear you.

I've never tried the MFJ-1401 ground plane kit, but it would probably work.

Lakeview Company., Inc. builds a 1/2 wave two-meter antenna that designed for motorycles, cars with plastic bodies, bicycles, etc.. It's called an HW-1.

You can also build or buy a 2m J-Pole made of 300 ohm twin lead and then put inside a piece of pvc. J-Poles are sometimes hard to tune. The SWRs keep coming back in spite of your best efforts. There's a way around this. Leave an extra couple of feet of coax in your lead and as near the feedpoint as possible make a coil of four turns in a five inch loop and secure the loop with zip ties. This will usually help keep the SWRs under control.

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-22 15:09:00 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2206 Message: 2217

I run a coaxial 2 meter 1/2 wave on my recumbent, no ground plan needed, works great.. I found it while I was looking for a better solution then a 1/4 wave mag mount.

look here http://www.mikestechblog.com/joomla/ham-radio/ham-radio-antennas-category/63-2-meter-antenna-for-bicycle-mobile-operation.html

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2218. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-22 16:20:13 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2206 Message: 2218

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2219. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-22 16:42:42 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2206 Message: 2219

Bill,

Good information. I've sure had a lot of fun with bicycles and radios.
72/73 de Scott/n7net/QRP

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/qnc/
http://www.qsl.net/n7net/

----- Original Message ----
From: Bill <GOBA@the-2nd-opinion.com>
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2220. RE: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-23 00:52:06 UTC
From: William Schmidt
Topic: 2206 Message: 2220

Guys,
Thanks for all the good ideas. It seems that vhf, and specifically 2m, is the most practical rig to bring.
I like the J pole idea. It probably beats my other idea of covering my helmet with tin foil to serve as a ground plain for a 1/4 wave. I thought that mounting a neon at the tip might add a dash of panache when I transmitted. But 19 inches of foil would make my head sweat too much.
Also thanks for the water bottle battery idea. Maybe I can split an old bottle and stuff in some NiMH cells. Does anyone charge off of a front wheel generator? I guess with a 2 m rig I can find a place to charge them.
Bill,WV1N

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2221. RE: [BMHA] Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-23 01:11:20 UTC
From: Stephen M. Shearer
Topic: 2206 Message: 2221

IF I was taking a week long trip (bike or hike) I would take a HT with APRS/GPS. APRS is more then tracking (aka GPS) so that friends can see where you are. See http://aprs.fi/? ... APRS is also texting and email. See http://www.winlink.org/aprslink ... I have been using a mobile rig with APRS for a number of auto trips for tracking/email (weight not an issue). Yeasu has an HT and Kenwood is planning on re-introducing its HT this spring.

Con = APRS HT's use VHF that depending on trip may have a range issue. see aprs.fi to determine if in range.

Steve WB3LGC

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of William
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2010 10:39 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Everyone on this group will agree that putting a rig on a bike is fun. Working dx from your sleeping bag or chatting while in motion is exciting. However, has anyone gone beyond the fun factor and actually found it to be a practical tool when on a self sustained tour? If so, how so?
I'm thinking of taking a several week tour and am trying to justify the added weight. Please tell me of your experiences, pro or con.
Bill, WV1N

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2222. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-23 01:40:00 UTC
From: Kelly Gray
Topic: 2206 Message: 2222

You probably don't want to mount the antenna on the front of the bike. Unless the antenna is pretty rigid, it's going to sway back and forth as well as side to side with pedaling and bumps in the roadway. this is going to be more than a little distracting to say the least. My antenna is mounted on the very back of the rear carrier, and it sways enough that I occasionally feel a tap on my shoulder from the antenna tip. If this were in front of me, I'd be getting tapped in the face regularly.

The antenna I'm using is a Tram 1180 dual band antenna. It's 1/2 wavelength on 2m, and stacked 5/8 antennas on 70cm. I've bolted a flat aluminum plate to the underside of the rear carrier. the plate projects out a few inches back of the carrier where there's a hole for the NMO antenna mount, and a mounting hole for my rear light as well.
The radio is a Kenwood TH-D7A mounted on the handlebar using a RAM mount. It connects to the antenna via a length of RG-174 cable run along the frame of the bike, and also via a serial cable to the GPS. I'm normally beaconing APRS on the 2m side while keeping the 70cm side available for voice, but I can use voice on either band. Power for the whole setup comes from a 7AH gel-cell hidden in one of the packs. It used to be located in the handlebar bag, but last year I relocated the battery to a frame pack. I find keeping the weight off the handlebars makes the bike handle a bit easier.
I use a lightweight headset with the radio. The speaker is an earbud tucked under the helmet straps to my right ear, (keeps the left free to listen for passing vehicles) with the microphone and PTT clipped to the tail end of my helmet chin strap.

There's a couple pictures of the setup in with the other photos here:
http://www.peelarc.org/images/photo_albums/fd2008/

I do like to at least monitor the local repeaters while out cycling. I also use the radio to check the weather broadcasts. While I do chat with people occasionally, about the only time I do a lot of talking is when I'm doing a bicycle patrol for one of the charity events the local club is assisting with.

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2223. Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-23 04:46:04 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2206 Message: 2223

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- Skip, AA6WK

2224. RE: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-23 06:21:00 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2206 Message: 2224

The summer before last I and a friend rode around Lake Superior 1409 miles 25 days 21 riding. You can read about the plan here: www.jarosh.org and my daily journal here: http://jaroshs.home.comcast.net/~jaroshs/journal.html There are several pictures and if you look hard you will see a 5/8 wave mounted on the back of a Avenir alloy rack via NMO mount. If you go into the files section on the yahoo group you will see pictures of my old bike with a 1/2 wave marine antenna again on the rack. My results have been roughly the same between the two installations with a little better on the 5/8 wave. As long as you have a metal rack that has positive metal connection to the bike, it does appear that there is enough metal ground plane mass. This placement does two things; it keeps the antenna whip from banging my head and also out of the way enough to mount the panniers.

The radio was a TH-79AT handi-talki with the big battery for 5 watts. My main purpose for talking it was to pickup the weather reports daily. I did make some occasional ham contacts however the Canadian side of the lake is very spotty once you get east of Thunder Bay. The antenna did become a bit of a conversation starter at times I hope to do a coast to coast ride and once again with have the radio with me. Even in my daily rides it is with me.

S. Earl Jarosh, N0HZ
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2225. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-23 08:52:36 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2206 Message: 2225

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An NMO route would be one idea, but, not enough metal is there for such a project. Adding a truckers mount and a piece of sturdy metal to the back at the opening portion of the mount would work - but, I would need to find a strong enough metal to work with the magnet.

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Jeff KE7OUR

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Date: 2010-02-23 14:04:19 UTC
From: N8SUZ
Topic: 2206 Message: 2226

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-23 16:27:06 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2206 Message: 2227

Thanks Jeff for this info.

I'm sorry to hear Larsen too has apparently had to cut back on "going the extra mile."

Would you be kind enough to change my e-mail address in the little yellow box to goba@... ?

No need to miss questions and comments.

Snowing again here this AM.

It's not sticking but lots of folks are staying off the roads.

It's a different world.

Getting back to OH each year for GOBA gives me a perspective.

Ha.

Billy Joe Bob
Somewhere in a snow drift

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2229. Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-24 18:03:23 UTC
From: Garfy2008A
Topic: 2206 Message: 2229

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2230. Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-24 18:07:24 UTC
From: Garfy2008A
Topic: 2206 Message: 2230

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2231. Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 15:13:57 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2231 Message: 2231

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2232. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 16:14:19 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2231 Message: 2232

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Mike - N1EVH

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Date: 02/25/10 10:32:40
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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2233. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 17:30:13 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2231 Message: 2233

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2234. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 17:57:41 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2231 Message: 2234

This website might help.

http://www.k0bg.com/
72/73 de Scott/n7net/QRP

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/qnc/
http://www.qsl.net/n7net/

From: Jeff Newton <saanpregion@...m>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, February 25, 2010 11:30:13 AM
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2235. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 17:47:50 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2231 Message: 2235

On Feb 25, 2010, at 10:14 AM, n1evh@... wrote:

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2236. Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 18:03:24 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2231 Message: 2236

Anything you do for an antenna will work, some better than others. The bike frame is INDEED longer than 19 inches, but try finding a mounting place that provides 19 inches (or anything CLOSE) on EACH side of the antenna.
When we find our desired sweet spot for an antenna, most of us encounter the following "minor details":
-The antenna cramps our access when mounting or dismounting the bike (especially if mounted on the back somewhere)
-The antenna whips back and forth, and occasionally (or more often) whangs us in the face if mounted up front, especially making turns
-We note, especially with a rubber duck or 19" whip, that the antenna is very close to our butt or back or both and does not even stick up above our heads, and
-We note the resultant loss of signal when our blubber, er, body mass, gets between the antenna and the station we are trying to talk to
Most hams like the antenna to be as high as possible and in the clear as possible. (This, because, for some reason, the radio seems to work better that way) Thus the tendency for cyclists to use ½ or 5/8 wave antennas of all stripes.
I use a 3 foot length of ½" PVC or fiberglass pipe clamped to the rear baggage bracket and lower frame of the bike, slanted to the rear at 30 degrees or so, and drop the end of my 6 ft. homebrew J pole into the pipe while riding it gives me a bit more "kick room" when getting on and off the bike. The J pole, while decried by many, has served me well for over 30 years and most of the radiator portion of the antenna is above my head, adding visibility AND virtual height for the antenna. And it's easily stowed when racking the bike on the back of the commuter-car.
I have also used a 19" springy-wire antenna purchased at Dayton, with NO radials, just plugged into the top of the HT clipped on the back of the bike, and it worked well for years until it disappeared during one of my rides and I haven't yet spotted another one at Dayton. Almost anything will work better than the original HT antenna .
I have also used the stock HT rubber ducky antenna and it also "worked", occasionally getting through the QRM to report one or two positions on APRS during a 10-mile ride, and no one being able to hear me on voice unless they were within a mile of me. Thus my fondness for the J pole and other longer antennae.
Others like 5/8 wave antennas or dual or tribanders such as the Diamond 320?
Purists worry about the lack of proper decoupling and grounding because the desired 19" metallic surface is not available in the desired area . At the base of the antenna and high enough to clear our punkin heads and far enough apart from the rider's position to be able to ride comfortably. Thus the continuing discussion of ground and lack thereof.
Jim W5AOX
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2237. Kenwood D-7 mount (was Usefulness of ham radio on a tour)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 17:56:10 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2237 Message: 2237

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2238. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 19:04:13 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2231 Message: 2238

As stated... I DO see a short between the rack and the bike frame.
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My current plans are....

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2) At the end of this piece of aluminum, mount an "L" bracket that I have
from an old scanner antenna. The bracket has holes drilled into it for
U-bolts... so I was going to use 2 of the holes (1 set) and use
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steel 1/4-20 bolts to mount the bracket to the piece of aluminum

3) the bracket originally had an 3/8-24 to SO-239 adaptor for the scanner
antenna. I drilled the hole out and out a 2" UHF "bulkhead" adaptor on
it so I could put a dual-band antenna on it (I figured my Diamond CR627B
6m/2m/70cm antenna would be a tad bit too big to use at 60 inches tall).

The top piece of the aluminum "L" bracket is probably big enough if I
wanted to drill it out for an NMO mount.

Current plans are to use either my VX-7R or my TH-D7A(G) (if I want to
run APRS)... unless I can come up with a good way to mount my FT-817
(but 2m SSB probably wouldn't be that great with a mobile vertical antenna).

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Bill
Date: 02/25/10 13:04:02
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

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2239. Re: Kenwood D-7 mount (was Usefulness of ham radio on a tour)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 19:23:06 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2237 Message: 2239

I'm not the guy you're asking about, but I do use a RAM mount for my TH-D7 between the handlebars of my bike. It appears RAM no longer makes specific mounts for the 'D7 (now marketing a so called "universal mount" that appears to be designed primarily for cell phones).
As a presenter of a BMHA forum at Dayton 2 years ago, I purchased a dozen of these RAM mounts with the sleazy idea of selling them at Dayton..... and, of course, left them behind when I whizzed away in a cloud of smoke for Dayton. I still have 2 or 3 left, and would gladly sell them for what I THINK paid for them: $12 not including shipping to your address. The D7 is starting to fade, so if no one buys these RAM mounts from me soon I will start giving them away in hopes of them actually getting used by someone interested. My D7 RAM mount is set up on a removable bracket that also holds my Magellan GPS and ITS associated RAM bracket. I move the entire D7/GPS assembly from bike to bike, and thus have no need for extra RAM mounts.
I wish RAM still produced specific mounts for specific radios, as I'm getting weird ideas about trying to upgrade to a VX-8R...
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2240. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 19:46:44 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2231 Message: 2240

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> 2) At the end of this piece of aluminum, mount an "L" bracket that I have
> from an old scanner antenna. The bracket has holes drilled into it for
> U-bolts... so I was going to use 2 of the holes (1 set) and use
> stainless
> steel 1/4-20 bolts to mount the bracket to the piece of aluminum
(snip)
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Maybe something like this?

http://75.60.24.163/BMHA/Newsletter/images/V05N04p04.jpg

Richard Amirault, N1JDU
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

2241. Kenwood D-7 mount (was Usefulness of ham radio on a tour)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-25 22:16:26 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 2237 Message: 2241

When I did my east coast bicycle trip, I used on of these mounts designed for the garmin gps 12. In fact, the gps sat right next to my thd7 on the same mounting system.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d.html/ref=redir_mdp_mobile/182-7855774-5101708?a=B0000ADX9E

This mount is bulletproof and does not come off or slip. Use a 2 gallon ziplock bag to hero it protected from rain and weather.

As far as the antenna, I went with a "throught the glass" model 1/4 wave, and just stuck it to it self off the back of my pannier rack. Zip ties held it all to the rack. Worked fine for about 8 miles of simplex, however I did frequent the active repeaters as well. A great place to ask for a good dinner place.

Bigger antennas pose several hazards to you as well as others if they are wagging around in the wind or rough terrian, all of them right about eye level..which you tend to forget about after a 100 mile plus day when you are bent over reaching into you bags pulling you gear out for the evening.

Powered everything from a battery in one of the pannier bags.

Worked slick fom Canada to Key West.

Jay. N1RWY

Sent from my iPhone

2242. Antenna type

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-26 16:08:53 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2242 Message: 2242

I see someone mentioned using 1/2 and 5/8 wave antenna on the bike.
I have 2 different 2 meter antenna depending on I'm riding conditions.
If I am in the city I use a 1/4 that I took off of an MFJ mag mount. If
I'm going outside the city to one of our more rural areas I use the
Hustler Colineer 80 inch antenna. Yes, it will sway an it also puts out
a great signal. When I used to commute 10 miles to work the 80 incher
swaying behind me caused the city bus to move over one lane to pass me.
Prior to that they would put their mirror inches away from my helmet.

Which antenna used is dependent on many things and that is one of the
great things about ham radio. The challenge of figuring out what works
for each installation.
73
Jim
W1RO

2243. Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-26 20:20:02 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2206 Message: 2243

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Bill:

For VHF/UHF, I am a fan of using a fiberglass bike flagpole with a jpole or coax-dipole zip-tied, taped, or shrink-wrapped to the pole. The poles are lightweight, pole+antenna works with all frame materials and types and your bike will be easy to spot. It's worked very well when I've helped with bike mobile comms support for several century rides - much better than even a long whip on the radio itself. (And I've stopped worrying about losing my few shreds of roadie cred with the only carbon-frame bike with a bike flag!)

Decide if you are going to operate in motion (headset, PTT on handlebars recommended) or not. If you are going to use the rig in-motion, be absolutely certain nothing can fall off and tangle up in the wheels or drive train. Raamm makes a great universal radio/phone mount for bikes. Also, make sure you have a fool-proof way to disconnect anything attached to you from anything on the bike (I've trashed 3 headsets this way when I forgot!). Bluetooth may be the way to go if you can manage the headset power/recharge. There are aftermarket b/t adapters for some rigs and a few new ones offer b/t as an option.

For a long trip, I think a rig that can run, even at reduced power, from AA batteries is nice to have. As long as you aren't out in the woods, AA batteries are ubiquitous.

My one experience with HF & VHF on a tour was a 5-day C&O Canal trip with my son's Scout troop. If I were to do it again, I'd get much more serious about gear weight, bring earbuds and plan on CW-only. Once it gets dark, voices carry and I got a lot of semi-good-natured grief from the other adults about my CQ attempts (QRP SSB on 80& 40M with a short antenna from bottom of a river valley is a bit nuts anyway). A simple wire antenna (plenty of trees) would have weighed less and hopefully as easy to deploy as my MP1+MFJ 12' whip and counterpoise wires. There are some fantastic trail-friendly CW QRP rigs out there, esp. if you can build a kit or have a friend who can do it for you.

The HT came in very handy on the same trip as it had weather radio coverage and we had a couple of days with thunderstorms. Knowing what was coming was a big help.

If I was riding solo with hamming part of why I was going, and I could stop to operate midday, SSB on higher bands with a quick setup vertical or end-fed wire could work well.

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I have no 1st-hand experience with bike generators; assuming there are any that put out enough juice. Velo Orange sells a 6v 3w sidewall generator http://www.velo-orange.com/spdy.html that *might* work with a voltage multiplier, a regulator, and some patience. if nothing else, you can power a light with it. They also sell a front hub generator http://www.velo-orange.com/nodyhub.html rated at 6V 3W.

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2244. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-26 20:44:47 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2206 Message: 2244

Shrinking tubing to a fiberglass pole might be better than a chunk of pvc

****BTW...Got to qrz and read in the first or second item to learn what the FCC is planning to do with our 440.
 72/73 de Scott/n7net/QRP

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/qnc/
http://www.qsl.net/n7net/

From: BrassRat77 <ks1g04@...>
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2245. Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-26 21:28:43 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2206 Message: 2245

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Those old generators were in fact permanent magnet alternators, meaning they put out AC, which would peak at over 8 volts or so depending on speed, and simple full wave rectification produced enough voltage to charge a 12 Volt Nicad pack.
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Jim W5AOX

http://aprs.fi/?call=W5aox-6 Where is AOX wobbling on the bike now?
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2246. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-26 21:36:45 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2206 Message: 2246

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From: AOX <w5aox@qsl.net>
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2247. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-26 23:36:41 UTC
From: saanpregion@gmail.com
Topic: 2206 Message: 2247

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-----Original Message-----
Date: Friday, February 26, 2010 1:37:39 pm
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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2248. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-27 00:43:07 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2206 Message: 2248

I've had a solar station with 4-75w panels from 1999 to 2005. I used a 21w unit on my camper. But they are all too big for a bike.

I bought a small one on ebay but it was of no use. For QRP I've found that D-cells are my best bet.
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From: "saanpregion@..." <saanpregion@gmail.com>
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2249. Free Adventure Cycling Membership - Free Adventure Cyclist Magazine

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-02-28 17:05:13 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2197 Message: 2249

I still have 8 One Year Adventure Cycling memberships left. One free membership voucher for each BMHA Newsletter article. We only have a few weeks left as they expire in March. Get you articles to me at nf0n@... or Norm our newsletter editor at n9zks@...

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2250. Re: [BMHA] Re: Usefulness of ham radio on a tour

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-01 22:05:46 UTC
From: Bill V WA7NWP
Topic: 2206 Message: 2250

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When touring, I had a 5 W amorphous panel that I hung on the sun facing side of the panniers with a bungee cord. It fed directly into a 12v 7AM gel cell. Worked great.

A crystalline 10W panel would now be smaller and I'd probably strongly consider that before heading out on a great adventure.

73
Bill - WA7NWP

2251. Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-04 16:44:04 UTC
From: usrnsf_ted
Topic: 2251 Message: 2251

Ok... I know I am being a bit anal retentive butt....LOL
If I am riding .... I am bicycle mobile
But what if I rode to get to the location and carried my rig with me and then I set up my rig and toss an antenna into a tree. Am I still "bicycle mobile"? What if I rode most of the way carrying my rig then parked the bike and hiked the rest of the way then set up the rig?
What if I rode all the way but the rig was delivered by car and set up for me....LOL
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I want to be reasonable, I already have VHF/UHF/6 Meters on the bike but I want to go bike/pack mobile on HF. The question is .... is it still "bicycle mobile" if I have to stop and hang and antenna to make it work?

Thanks for all the input I am sure I will recieve?

2252. Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-04 21:44:21 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 2251 Message: 2252

If you are riding while you are conversing, you are "bicycle mobile".

If you are sitting on your bike while stationary, you are "bicycle mobile".

If you are off the bike and sitting on a park bench with an antenna in a tree... you are "portable"

If you are off the bike and hiking (carrying the antenna).. then you are "pedestrian mobile"

How does that sound?

- Jay N1RWY

2253. Re: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-04 21:54:58 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2251 Message: 2253

Jay,

Well, you kind of have to be moving to be mobile.

I do QRP VHF and HF. Everything is on the bike or trailer, but I'm stationary for safety issues. I call it Bicycle QRP Portable. But sometimes I simply do a qso and let it go at that. However, if the strength of my signal becomes the topic I then announce that I'm using 8 D-cells and a vertical antenna mounted on a bicycle trailer.
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From: Jay <whereisjay@...m>
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2254. Re: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-04 22:36:06 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 2251 Message: 2254

>>Jay,

>>Well, you kind of have to be moving to be mobile.

If you are in a parking lot in your truck, having just climbed in with a bunch of supplies from the store, turning the key to get the engine running.. are you mobile or portable? I would say that you are mobile.. (or soon to be mobile), you just happen to be not moving at the moment.

Or.. if you are driving and hearing some rare DX.. and you pull over on the side of the road to hear better... are you "mobile?"

We are discussing semantics now.. ;-)

Keep the wheels spinning.. we are looking at 44 degrees here this weekend.

- Jay N1RWY

2255. Re: Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 00:00:15 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2251 Message: 2255

Yeah, I'd agree you may well be a bit, er, retentive here.
If it was me I'd be sorely tempted to ID as "Bicycle Mobile" while in motion OR sitting still, operating from the bike with the bike antenna doing the radiating.
If I rode the bike somewhere and stopped and threw up a dipole or whatever and took a radio-break I'd suggest ID'ing as "Bicycle-Portable". Not only does it provide you a few well deserved bragging rights but also an attention-getter when trying to make contacts.
When walking, I ID as "W5AOX Foot-Mobile", or "Hoof-Mobile". When biking I ID as "W5AOX Bicycle-Mobile".
Few hams change their ID from "Mobile" to "At Rest" when stopped at a traffic light or elsewhere.
As usual, Your Mileage May Vary.
Keep a firm hand on the "DELETE" button and act promptly when you get any responses that include "You MUST do This or That .. yada, yada."
Other rude suggestions:
"Bicycle Mobile taking an oxygen break"
"Bicycle Mobile on the Top of the Continental Divide"
"Huff-Puff Mobile"
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2256. RE: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 01:19:15 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2251 Message: 2256

Every year since 2004 I've participated in Field Day in the 1C class. That is referred to as mobile.

"4.5. Class C (Mobile): Stations in vehicles capable of operating while in motion and normally operated in this manner."

Probably as good of a definition as possible. My reading of this says that you don't necessarily have to be in motion to be a mobile as long as you are capable of being in motion.

Personally I only count contacts I make while in motion on the bike. This is the same handicapper mentality that justified fighting the school bully with one hand behind my back. Yes, it's some sort of personality disorder.

Just as an aside it always cracks me up when there is a picture of an operation on the Soapbox portion of the web site. One year there was a guy with a tri-bander and tower anchored to his van and a very, very long, long wire trailing off into the forest. There was also a big arsed genny parked next to the van. I don't think that this is what ARRL had in mind when they established C class.

The beauty of the whole thing is that since we are the mighty BMHA we can make up any designation we want. Who's to argue with us?

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Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2010 16:44:21 -0500
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- Jay N1RWY

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2257. [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 03:19:39 UTC
From: N9DI
Topic: 2251 Message: 2257

My 2.5 cents worth (inflation from 2 cents worth).

I operate Tricycle mobile and my rule is when in motion and when stopped
and capable of being in motion without modifying my station i.e. taking
antenna out of trees, I consider myself Tricycle mobile. If I'm not capable
of getting on tricycle and riding off into the sunset like Randolph Scott
used to do, I am Tricycle Portable. IMHO
I will be operating Tricycle mobile and QRP during field day at least
until I get tired or battery dies whichever comes first.
73
Dave N9DI

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2258. Re: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 03:34:35 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2251 Message: 2258

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----- Original Message ----
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To: bmha@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, March 4, 2010 7:19:15 PM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

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2259. RE: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 05:04:50 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2251 Message: 2259

Nah Scott, you can call it anything you want ... especially if you use the ARRL Field Day definition as a base. Just remember that guys sitting in the back of their RV with the jenny all revved up to keep the AC running full blast are "mobile" class cuz they actually could be in motion within moments.

On FD I log on a digital recorder. It has a date/time stamp that I set to GMT so all I need do is yell out the call, section and operating class. I run out of battery at about three hours so I come home have an 807, switch batteries and log the Qs on an Excel spreadsheet.

This year; 300 Qs and 100 miles. Been singing that song since 2004. But remember, I'm from Chicago so "wait till next year" is inbred.

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From: n7net@...
Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2010 19:34:35 -0800
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2260. RE: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 13:31:38 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2251 Message: 2260

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2261. Re: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 14:31:11 UTC
From: N9DI
Topic: 2251 Message: 2261

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Sent: Friday, March 05, 2010 7:31 AM
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2262. RE: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 13:56:50 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2251 Message: 2262

Scott,
I'll listen for you, I'll be out camping a lot with the Boy Scouts, and a bunch of riding myself.
AL
KA1FFO
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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of scott laughlin
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2263. Re: Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 12:32:50 UTC
From: slexpetrie
Topic: 2251 Message: 2263

When I'm floating in the pool with my handheld, I'm maritime mobile. I do get a few chuckles with that. Part of the fun of amateur radio!

Steve

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "usrnsf_ted" <usrnsf_ted@...> wrote:
>
> Ok... I know I am being a bit anal retentive butt....LOL
> If I am riding .... I am bicycle mobile
> But what if I rode to get to the location and carried my rig with me and then I set up my rig and toss an antenna into a tree. Am I still "bicycle mobile"? What if I rode most of the way carrying my rig then parked the bike and hiked the rest of the way then set up the rig?
> What if I rode all the way but the rig was delivered by car and set up for me....LOL
> Okay. Just trying to be funny there but seriously.
> I want to be reasonable, I already have VHF/UHF/6 Meters on the bike but I want to go bike/pack mobile on HF. The question is .... is it still "bicycle mobile" if I have to stop and hang and antenna to make it work?
>
> Thanks for all the input I am sure I will recieve?
>

2264. RE: [BMHA] Re: Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-05 17:33:54 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2251 Message: 2264

Hey Steve, think about this one; if you're splashing around in the pool you would be marine mobile. Could be they're chuckling AT you not WITH you. :-)))

Now ... if your pool was on an ocean going vessel then you'd be maritime mobile ... or would you be maritime/marine mobile. What if you were riding your bike on the bottom of a pool on an ocean going vessel ...?

Remember "back in the day" when 2 mtr HTs first came out? Is there anybody who DIDN'T sign restroom portable?

WX nice today - up to mid 40s. Time to charge the batteries up and go for a ride. Does BMHA have meeting frequencies?

73,

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2265. Re: [BMHA] Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-06 05:48:46 UTC
From: Ted Burris
Topic: 2251 Message: 2265

Thanks to all for your responses.
I will run with the definitions provided by Jay (N1RWY)

Ted - KB0MRC

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From: N9DI <oneditman@...>
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2266. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-06 06:26:09 UTC
From: Ted Burris
Topic: 2231 Message: 2266

My son and I have been bicycle mobile on VHF/UHF for several years now. We use a 5/8 wave dual band antennas mounted on a homebrew rack extension a few inches off the back of the rear rack and they have been awesome. In December I upgraded my license to General and am in the planning and parts purchase stage of adding HF to the bike. I have upgraded to a VX8DR with APRS for the VHF/UHF and this will be its first year on the bike so we will see if its as tough as its predecessor (the VX7R) that I took off to make room for it.
I have not decided on an HF rig yet..... I love the IC7000 but fear it might not take the beating that bicycle mobile can dish-out.

One note - we tried one antenna mfg. at first whose antenna used an air wound suspended core. This design could not take the vibration and abuse dished out by the stiff ride of a bicycle with no shocks. I would shy away from antennas of this design.

Now... almost time for Huff and Puff mobile......

Ted - KB0MRC

From: AOX <w5aox@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, February 25, 2010 12:03:24 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Anything you do for an antenna will work, some better than others. The bike frame is INDEED longer than 19 inches, but try finding a mounting place that provides 19 inches (or anything CLOSE) on EACH side of the antenna.
When we find our desired sweet spot for an antenna, most of us encounter the following "minor details":
-The antenna cramps our access when mounting or dismounting the bike (especially if mounted on the back somewhere)
-The antenna whips back and forth, and occasionally (or more often) whangs us in the face if mounted up front, especially making turns
-We note, especially with a rubber duck or 19" whip, that the antenna is very close to our butt or back or both and does not even stick up above our heads, and
-We note the resultant loss of signal when our blubber, er, body mass, gets between the antenna and the station we are trying to talk to
Most hams like the antenna to be as high as possible and in the clear as possible. (This, because, for some reason, the radio seems to work better that way…) Thus the tendency for cyclists to use ½ or 5/8 wave antennas of all stripes.
I use a 3 foot length of ½" PVC or fiberglass pipe clamped to the rear baggage bracket and lower frame of the bike, slanted to the rear at 30 degrees or so, and drop the end of my 6 ft. homebrew J pole into the pipe while riding… it gives me a bit more "kick room" when getting on and off the bike. The J pole, while decried by many, has served me well for over 30 years and most of the radiator portion of the antenna is above my head, adding visibility AND virtual height for the antenna. And it's easily stowed when racking the bike on the back of the commuter-car.

I have also used a 19" springy-wire antenna purchased at Dayton, with NO radials, just plugged into the top of the HT clipped on the back of the bike, and it worked well for years until it disappeared during one of my rides and I haven't yet spotted another one at Dayton. Almost anything will work better than the original HT antenna….
I have also used the stock HT rubber ducky antenna and it also "worked", occasionally getting through the QRM to report one or two positions on APRS during a 10-mile ride, and no one being able to hear me on voice unless they were within a mile of me. Thus my fondness for the J pole and other longer antennae.
Others like 5/8 wave antennas or dual or tribanders such as the Diamond 320?
Purists worry about the lack of proper decoupling and grounding because the desired 19" metallic surface is not available in the desired area…. At the base of the antenna and high enough to clear our punkin heads and far enough apart from the rider's position to be able to ride comfortably. Thus the continuing discussion of ground and lack thereof.
Jim W5AOX
http://aprs. fi/?call= W5aox-6 Bike-mobile

Somewhere in time, a subscriber put it thusly:
"I'm working on a mount for my bike. If I use a continuity meter and put one lead on my bike rack and the other lead on various parts of my bike the meter indicates a "short".

So... wouldn't the bike frame itself provide some sort of groundplane for any type of antenna mounted off of the rack??? A 1/4-wave radial for 2m is only about 19 inches... and the bike frame is longer than 19 inches.

Maybe I'm missing something here. The only thing that I could see would be... the radiation pattern not being omni-directional.

Mike - N1EVH"

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2267. RE: [BMHA] Re: Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-06 17:45:24 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 2251 Message: 2267

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If you're "capable" of operating while mobile (ie. The rig is mounted/configured in such a way as to permit operation), then it should be "bicycle mobile". It requires a stop and other equipment to be mounted/connected, then you're "bicycle portable". The same holds true for pedestrian, maritime, aviation mobile/portable. I think that makes the most sense, logically speaking, and is easiest to understand. There is no "must" or "shall" to it. Just your own honest interpretation of your unique situation. When I'm riding really hard on my racking bike, I'm quite capable of being "bicycle mobile", but because I choose to only operate when I'm resting doesn't take away the capability. On the other hand, when I'm on my touring recumbent trike and choose to operate HF, I must come to a stop and throw up an antenna in a tree. Therefore, I'm never "capable" of operating HF Bicycle Mobile, only HF Bicycle Portable.

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"Bike-Mobile at Camp"

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2268. Re: [BMHA] Re: Please Define Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-06 17:52:55 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2251 Message: 2268

I agree with you jack.

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From: Jack Smith <cyclingsoldier@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sat, March 6, 2010 11:45:24 AM
Subject: RE: [BMHA] Re: Please Define Bicycle Mobile

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2269. Which antenna for HF QSO Party as a mobile/portable?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 03:12:42 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2269 Message: 2269

I'm hoping to operate the VA QSO party in 2 weeks as either a bike mobile or portable (rules call portable "expedition" class). Probably just SSB. Rig will be my FT817, likely using internal batteries (2100 mAH low discharge rate AA NiMH cells or single use AA lithium) unless I have time to put together a better external pack.

Rig mount is taken care of as long as it isn't raining and I need to keep everything dry. A Minoura Space Bar extension bar off the handlebar, and a mount for the 817 mounted to the Minoura with hose clamps. Mechanically solid and looks decent. I can rest or attach a stiff pad of paper or small spiral notebook to the space bar for logging or provide a resting place for a small key (stationary - can't copy code by ear!).

Considering 3 antenna options, supplemented with a a manual ZM2 or automatic Elecraft T1 tuner.

1. MP-1 on mirror mount bolted to rear rack. I've used this before with limited (I made a QSO) success. I use a slightly longer base rod and a 4' whip salvaged from an old 2M antenna. Capable of operation in motion. I can swap a 3' base rod and 12' telescoping rod (MFJ) for better performance (in theory), I might try riding with the longer base rod but the 12' rod is stationary use only.

After checking the mechanical fit this weekend, I'm probably going to stay with the MP-1. Lightest, simple, usable on at least 40-6M. The other two options I was considering will take some work to mount:

2. Attach a 20ft "crappie pole" (SD20 type) to bike and run a wire up to the top, end-fed through one of the tuners. Might be able to use this in motion (with tape or hose clamps to keep the mast up) with 2 or 3 sections extended. Not sure it is worth the effort for not much more antenna - max ~20' of wire vs. a 14' modified MP1.

3. Use a 31ft Jackite pole instead of the SD20. Heavier (but manageable) but I think the additional wire would prove helpful. Weird looks from passers-by when operating assured! Maybe I'll have time to try to set this up before the 20th.

If I want more than a 18" whip for 2M, I will use a flagpole j-pole. Unless I climb a parking garage or ride 90 minutes each way to the peak of a local bike path, I'm not going to have much height advantage.

Comments on these antenna options? Has anyone tried mounting a telescoping fish rod or kite pole to a bike? I was thinking the way to try this is attach a light wood board or metal frame to the bike's rear triangle and rack and mount the pole to the board. Or hose clamp or bolt a PVC pipe to the rear rack support and slide the pole into the PVC.

I'll eventually post pix and a report if this comes together.

73 Steve KS1G

2270. bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 16:41:41 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2270 Message: 2270

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You may not need a folding bike to do this. It should be possible to clamp a mast socket somewhere on nearly any recumbent tricycle, or even as regular bike with a trailer at 90 degrees. You just need a wide base that won't fall over. I have tried using a regular bike layed on its side with no success, Anyway I believe in keeping the rubber side down!

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2271. Re: [BMHA] bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 17:39:37 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2270 Message: 2271

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 72/73 de Scott/n7net/QRP
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From: Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, March 8, 2010 10:41:41 AM
Subject: [BMHA] bike 'mobile'

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2272. Re: bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 19:43:45 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2270 Message: 2272

Now how did fenders suddenly come up as a hated item?
I LOVE my fenders, both metal and plastic. I maintain fenders on all 3 of my personal bikes: Mountain, Roadie, and Recumbent. They don't keep me completely dry when the street is running water, but they sure prevent the dreaded "Brown Stripe Up the Back"... the only disadvantage I can think of is additonal drag, which doesn't bother me since I'm already loaded with batteries, food, water, and electronics anyway.
I thus disagree. Fenders are great news for cyclists. YMCV (Your Mileage COULD Vary)
What this has to do with ham radio on the bike - I have no idea.
I also limit actual talking on the radio while in motion on the bicycle, because I tend to be busy sucking oxygen and maintaining balance... and reaching for the PTT button is definitely more distracting on the bike than manhandling the CellFone in the car.
I have one bike-mike that has a velcro-stickum PTT switch that I can attach right on the edge of the handle-bar grip, so it only takes a slight waggle from the thumb to operate it without doing anything one-handed. That one currently suffers from a broken connection from a fall several months ago when I foolishly rode the Sandia Ski Trail downhill with one of my sons. I had no visible injuries but the mike cord was severed and I've been making do with a lapel-clip PTT switch since then. When the GOOD handlebar-velcro PTT system was in place I was much more radio-active.
Making even brief QSO's while in motion is still a worthy goal (IMHO) when you can do it safely..... I get a lot more enthusiastic responses when the other end of my QSO realizes I'm truly bicycle-mobile, and a lot more "I think I'D like to try that sometime soon!"
I have little desire to operate HF while in motion on the bike, but one of my most memorable QSO's of yesteryear was back in the late 1980's when 10 was still hot. A new ham friend drove to my house to show me his new Realistic 25 Watt 10 meter rig. He asked me to take the mike and try it, and I called a single "CQ" and was immediately answered by a bicycle-mobile in Boston (We were in Los Alamos NM) who was running the exact same radio, but mounted on his bike with a 108" whip on the back. And he was pedaling around the neighborhood like he knew what he was doing...
W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=3600

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2273. Re: [BMHA] Re: bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 19:54:49 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2270 Message: 2273

----- Original Message -----
From: "AOX"

> Now how did fenders suddenly come up as a hated item?

Maybe he means the fenders on cars?

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

2274. Re: [BMHA] Re: bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 19:52:28 UTC
From: Darren Martin
Topic: 2270 Message: 2274

Speaking for myself anyway, it's the other fenders that I try to avoid, the 4 wheeled ones. Maybe that's what was meant?
73, Darren N0MZW

Now how did fenders suddenly come up as a hated item?

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2275. Re: [BMHA] Re: bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 20:42:28 UTC
From: Mark J Dulcey
Topic: 2270 Message: 2275

On 3/8/2010 2:43 PM, AOX wrote:
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I think he meant that CAR fenders are bad news for cyclists, as in crashing into them or having them crash into you!

2276. Re: [BMHA] Re: bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 21:25:26 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2270 Message: 2276

10/4 :-)
 72/73 de Scott/n7net/QRP

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From: Mark J Dulcey <mark@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, March 8, 2010 2:42:28 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: bike 'mobile'

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2277. Re: bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 21:35:43 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2270 Message: 2277

Oh, DUH. Hadn't thought about CAR fenders.... Sorry to be so excitable :?~
I actually prefer fenders to bumpers... and unfortunately I've been bounced by both. The Fenders I encountered tended to lift me up toward the hood, while the bumpers seemed to push me down and under. No injuries either time, except for pride and enthusiasm for cycling... short term, thankfully. Just like other life activities, the ones I live through serve to educate me in the most unforgettable way..

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2278. Re: [BMHA] Re: bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 22:50:59 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2270 Message: 2278

When I was nine I always rode my bike in the LA traffic. One day an old man in a pickup rolled through a stop sign and ran me down. I wasn't hurt, but I've never forgotten now large those tires look from the bottom looking up.
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From: AOX <w5aox@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, March 8, 2010 3:35:43 PM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: bike 'mobile'

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2279. Re: bike 'mobile'

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-08 23:22:43 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2270 Message: 2279

Those tires look pretty big at age 56 too. Several years ago I came up to an intersection, there was a guy in a Ford Explorer stopped at the light, I had the green, so I crossed in front of him.... withOUT making eye contact, and withOUT stopping to think that he might turn RIGHT on RED.... an enjoyable privilege if you're driving the cage, but "Death-On-Wheels" to cyclists. I got about parallel with his hood ornament when ZOOM! He roared directly into me and over me. I have this flash-picture of the shock in his eyes as he realized he was running someone down. One of my pedals caught on his undercarriage, and I was dragged, under his front bumper, with his big front wheels rolling ever closer to my head... and I was helpless, just being dragged along the pavement underneath the SUV.
I was dragged out to the middle of the intersection before he got over the shock and his reactions got his foot on the brakes, and we were both shocked that I was able to crawl out from under his car, drag the bike out, and find that I had no broken bones and only mild road rash. One brake bracket on my rear wheel had been crushed, and I had to break it off completely with my pocket pliers to get the wheel so it would spin again. He was a nice guy, and profusely apologetic, even though it was at least my fault as much as his.
I got his address, phone number, and insurance info, and rode back to work shaken but OK. The 1/4 wave spike on my APRS radio had disappeared and I had to eventually replace both wheels due to a visible wobble, but other than that, no damage. I never filed a claim against him, and hopefully he's breathing easier too by now.
Interestingly, my APRS position was reported right up to the impact point. I suppose my wife could have come collected my remains had I not been able to get up and limp back to work.
I was a bit boogered for a while about cycling but decided I had to die sometime and I'd rather get nailed by a car than by a heart attack sitting in front of the TV. So I still ride/commute almost daily, hopefully using a bit more survival sense. Like aircraft pilots, I find that the longer I ride a particular route without incident, the more careless I get, such as trying to beat cars across intersections when I really should stop and let them have the right-of-way. Sure, I can hump through and beat the car, but what happens if my chain jumps or.... whatever? Gotta keep reminding myself that being a few more minutes "late" is better than becoming the "Late" W5AOX....
I hesitate to add to this thread.... every time I tell another cyclist a war story such as this it's frightening to hear all THEIR near misses.
W5AOX

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2280. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-11 02:14:47 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2231 Message: 2280

That is pretty much what I just did.

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each one in half... drilled the holes in the same places... and used
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screws.

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Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Richard Amirault
Date: 2/25/2010 3:12:29 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: n1evh@...
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

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2281. Re: [BMHA] Re: Add Metal to the bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-11 03:43:30 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2231 Message: 2281

Mike,

A good source for metal like you were looking for is a salvage yard, where they crush cars and load rail cars with metal for the foundryu. They usually sell a large varity of new metal you won't find at Home Depot or Lowe's. But bring your wallet.
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From: "n1evh@..." <n1evh@verizon.net>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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2282. Adventure Cycling membership vouchers - 7 left

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-11 14:25:28 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2282 Message: 2282

I still have 7 Adventure Cycling membership vouchers left. Since they expire at the end of March, only a few weeks to get your BMHA Newsletter article to me or Norm, N9ZKS.

Any size article is fine. Let me know and I will send your voucher to you ASAP.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2283. VA QSO Party Bike Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-22 15:06:00 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2283 Message: 2283

I operated this weekend's Virginia QSO Party as a QRP bike mobile (e.g. binding both arms and a leg before entering the fray!). This was my first serious attempt at HF bike mobile in several years. Weather was near-perfect and I had a lot of fun. 51 QSOs after eliminating a dupe. 40M was the workhorse band.

I've added photos of my setup to:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/list (look for the photos dated March 22 2010)

Bike: Bianchi Castro Valley
Rigs: FT817 (HF, 70cm), VX8 (used for two contacts on 2M)
Antennas:
HF: Modified MP-1: Mirror mount on rear rack, 12" base rod, stock coil, MFJ 12' telescoping rod (alternate mobile 4' whip not used)
[Tried a few QSOs with the MP1 counterpoise wires laid out on the ground. They did not seem to help any so I put them away. Not really in the spirit of "mobile class" anyway.]
VHF: Telescoping whip on FT817 front connector
Mike: Heil Traveler plus stereo earbuds (better audio for me)
Tuner: Elecraft T1 (used on 1st day; just manually tuned the coil second day)
Power: 7AH SLA UPS-style battery

Rig mounting: I have one of the Moutain Ops FT817 mounts from back when they were still in business. The mount is hose-clamped to a Minoura "space grip" handlebar extender. Works pretty well, although it has a tendency to slowly lower as I go over large bumps. The VX8 is in a "universal bicycle mount" from RAAM attached to the stem. I will be using the same mount on this bike and on my road bike for VHF/UHF FM + APRS (with a flagpole j-pole).

I operated as a mobile rather than the expedition class as I thought the 3pt/QSO bonus would make up more than any improvements I could make with a bike-transportable antenna that didn't depend on trees.

For 2011, assuming the weather cooperates again, I may try running more power (outboard amp or my FT857), and try a different whip (maybe the Buddistick shock-cord + capacity hat approach or an inverted-L for some NVIS?) although the MFJ whip works and I should probably leave well enough alone. I may also look into lithium battery options, especially if I am going to use the FT857 - I have no desire to lug multiple SLA batteries.

I operated from two different counties, as I live near the county line and a major bike trail is nearby. (Unfortunately, the trail also has major power lines alongside!) If I get really adventurous for 2011, I may bike to the east end of the trail where it crosses into Alexandria VA, then operate at various locations on the way back. I could operate from 3 counties and 2 or 3 cities this way If I'm willing (and family allows me!) to make a day of it and do about 50-60 miles with the radio gear.

All in all a fun afternoon. I can mount the radio gera fairly quickly, so I need to do this again when I don't feel like going for a long bike ride, especially as we get better conditions on the higher bands.

73, Steve KS1G

2284. News from the elusive newsletter editor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-22 17:06:40 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2284 Message: 2284

I've been saving my emails and duties for another day for a while. I met a young lady I took a shine to as we said when I was young and got married again on February 26th. I am getting back to my inbox and will be getting the newsletter put together very soon. I'll be bringing Kathy with me to Dayton so she can see what kind of people I've been hanging around. Hopefully she will not change her mind about getting a license.

Scott, I am printing the QNC QRP Event notice in our club newsletter. It is very interesting just from the history viewpoint and hopefully you will fill a good sized log on your adventure.

73 all

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 89,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2285. Re: [BMHA] News from the elusive newsletter editor

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-22 18:35:28 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2284 Message: 2285

Norm,

That's great news. Congratulations to you and your bride.

I'm not sure when I'll get started on this adventure or how long it will take. Fortunately, I didn't begin last week, with 8" of snow coming Saturday. But I'll have some text and photos to share.

QRP is getting better every day.
    72/73 de Scott/n7net/QRP

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From: Norm Huber <n9zks@...>
To: BMHA <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Mon, March 22, 2010 12:06:40 PM
Subject: [BMHA] News from the elusive newsletter editor

I've been saving my emails and duties for another day for a while. I met a young lady I took a shine to as we said when I was young and got married again on February 26th. I am getting back to my inbox and will be getting the newsletter put together very soon. I'll be bringing Kathy with me to Dayton so she can see what kind of people I've been hanging around. Hopefully she will not change her mind about getting a license.

Scott, I am printing the QNC QRP Event notice in our club newsletter. It is very interesting just from the history viewpoint and hopefully you will fill a good sized log on your adventure.

73 all

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 89,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu. com/cgi-bin/ find.cgi? call=n9zks- 9,n9zks-10& radar=***

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2286. Re: VA QSO Party Bike Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-22 17:56:50 UTC
From: esteve_ll2000
Topic: 2283 Message: 2286

Hi Steve,

Nice to see your bike with the radios.

I am going to my portable place by bike too, I installed the buddistick but need to do more test.

73, Esteve EB3EPR

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "BrassRat77" <ks1g04@...> wrote:
>
> I operated this weekend's Virginia QSO Party as a QRP bike mobile (e.g. binding both arms and a leg before entering the fray!). This was my first serious attempt at HF bike mobile in several years. Weather was near-perfect and I had a lot of fun. 51 QSOs after eliminating a dupe. 40M was the workhorse band.
>
> I've added photos of my setup to:
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/list (look for the photos dated March 22 2010)
>
> Bike: Bianchi Castro Valley
> Rigs: FT817 (HF, 70cm), VX8 (used for two contacts on 2M)
> Antennas:
> HF: Modified MP-1: Mirror mount on rear rack, 12" base rod, stock coil, MFJ 12' telescoping rod (alternate mobile 4' whip not used)
> [Tried a few QSOs with the MP1 counterpoise wires laid out on the ground. They did not seem to help any so I put them away. Not really in the spirit of "mobile class" anyway.]
> VHF: Telescoping whip on FT817 front connector
> Mike: Heil Traveler plus stereo earbuds (better audio for me)
> Tuner: Elecraft T1 (used on 1st day; just manually tuned the coil second day)
> Power: 7AH SLA UPS-style battery
>
> Rig mounting: I have one of the Moutain Ops FT817 mounts from back when they were still in business. The mount is hose-clamped to a Minoura "space grip" handlebar extender. Works pretty well, although it has a tendency to slowly lower as I go over large bumps. The VX8 is in a "universal bicycle mount" from RAAM attached to the stem. I will be using the same mount on this bike and on my road bike for VHF/UHF FM + APRS (with a flagpole j-pole).
>
> I operated as a mobile rather than the expedition class as I thought the 3pt/QSO bonus would make up more than any improvements I could make with a bike-transportable antenna that didn't depend on trees.
>
> For 2011, assuming the weather cooperates again, I may try running more power (outboard amp or my FT857), and try a different whip (maybe the Buddistick shock-cord + capacity hat approach or an inverted-L for some NVIS?) although the MFJ whip works and I should probably leave well enough alone. I may also look into lithium battery options, especially if I am

going to use the FT857 - I have no desire to lug multiple SLA batteries.
>
> I operated from two different counties, as I live near the county line and a major bike trail is nearby. (Unfortunately, the trail also has major power lines alongside!) If I get really adventurous for 2011, I may bike to the east end of the trail where it crosses into Alexandria VA, then operate at various locations on the way back. I could operate from 3 counties and 2 or 3 cities this way If I'm willing (and family allows me!) to make a day of it and do about 50-60 miles with the radio gear.
>
> All in all a fun afternoon. I can mount the radio gera fairly quickly, so I need to do this again when I don't feel like going for a long bike ride, especially as we get better conditions on the higher bands.
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> 73, Steve KS1G
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2287. Kd8MFR in Michigan

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-03-25 22:02:04 UTC
From: brucefreeburger
Topic: 2287 Message: 2287

Hello Everybody,
I'm Kd8MFR/AG Bruce. Years ago I published the BIKESonTV Topica list. Because I am also run a 10k race in the fall, I drop off my cycling each fall.
My cycling club hosts the annual Blue Water Ramble century ride, one of the few international century rides in the USA.
It was working this ride as a SAG driver that a US/CDN VE was my ham partner. This was the first weekend in October 2009. By October 19 I was ready to pass the Technician test, and I bought the radio gear the next weekend at the USECA swap meet in Sterling Hts.
I passed the General exam March 15, 2010. I'm now taking the Extra class with the Hazel Park ARC. This is the cheapest privilege a General license holder is given <Grin>.

I run the Meetup.com group Road Cycling SE Michigan
http://www.meetup.com/Road-Cycling-SE-Michigan/

and the Meetup.com Group Amateur Radio SE Michigan
http://www.meetup.com/Amateur-Radio-SE-Michigan/

Cheers,
Bruce

2288. VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-09 14:52:44 UTC
From: ve3vgp
Topic: 2288 Message: 2288

Seems like there's a lot more interest in my bicycle mobile setup than I thought. I've posted a bunch of photos of the setup to my flickr account.

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VE3VGP bicycle mobile.

2289. Re: [BMHA] VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-10 06:22:11 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2288 Message: 2289

What range can you get with the APRS link? Our local club (KARS) has an APRS digi-peter, but the person who maintains it tells me it isn't so good for bicycle mobile. Also, since I am interested in cycling about 80 miles to the south, on occasion, i would be "out in the wilderness' with no way of being tracked! Exactly against what I had hoped to accomplish!

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2290. Re: VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-10 15:34:33 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2288 Message: 2290

In the flat land I can expect about 30 miles with a good half-wave antenna and two watts. If I'm in the Rockies or the Cascades and a digi on some peak 80 miles is not a problem. It depends on the altitude of the digipeter and if my antenna can see it. However, vhf ducting is sometimes a problem.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2291. APRS range

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-10 15:40:04 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2291 Message: 2291

APRS range is indeed the issue. VHF is line of sight, after all. I have been able to get out over 100 miles simplex from a high point (2000 plus), but only under ideal circumstances. Where I live in the Pacific NSW, there are plenty of mountains to put digis on, but not enough dedicated amateurs to maintain digis at the more remote locations. Once I cycled East over the North Cascades, I could not find any digis at all. I typically stop and send out some packets on every big hill I crest. There is a very active NW APRS gropup, but coverage is mainly in the urban areas around Seattle and Spokane (Vancouver, Portland...).

I have been successful in using sattelites for APRS, but I consider that a fluke. (But of course the fact that you can do sattellite with a D-7 shows you what line of sight can be!). ISS does APRS at times but you have to know where it is. And have a very good antenna.

For event support it may be possible to have roving mobile digis that park on high points along the route, but even that is difficult logistically. I have looked into it for supporting 1200km (750 mile) events in Washington and British Columbia but the fast and slow riders get too spread out to be tracked by any one set of rovers.

BTW is anyone here involved in support for TOSRV? I was wondering if they used APRS. TOSRV is the weekend before Dayton and not far away (Columbus), so I thought I'd give it a shot this year.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

Re: VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Posted by: "Harry G. Seyfert"
wd9fyf@...

Fri Apr 9, 2010 11:22 pm (PDT)

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2292. New to the Hobby

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 03:03:42 UTC
From: Jason
Topic: 2292 Message: 2292

WoW!!! Am I so ever to find this site..I am new to Ham Radios (I dont even have my license yet). I hope I can get some help here..

I have joined up with the Texas State Guard and will be getting my license through them..That will be a while..I have to lose ten pounds before I am actually admitted in..However they told me if I wanted to speed up the training, I can look into the ham radio license and get it over with..So I have..And with that, I have opened up a can of worms..I am very interested in this and where I can go with it, in and out of the Guard..So when searching the net, I came across BMHA..I love riding bikes, and I also backpack. With that, I am now interested in how to hook up a ham radio to the bike, and using solar cells as an alternative means for power..But where do I start?? What radio should I start with?? So many to choose from..I been seeing everything from "boxes" to handhelds that look like walkie talkies, (but I know they arnt). What antenna to get/build?? etc etc..Any one out there willing to help a newbie get started??And before you comment, yes, I understand I must get a license first, but I am looking ahead and getting the bike prepared..Any suggestions/comments??

Jason

2293. Re: New to the Hobby

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 03:45:25 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2292 Message: 2293

Welcome, Jason. You'll find a lot of knowledgeable (and nice!) people here.

My setup is one of the simplist -- you can see photos of it in an article I wrote several years ago:

http://www.lafetra.com/skip/aa6wk/Articles/CQ-VHF/April-1998.htm

I'm sure that others will reply -- some with bicycle-mobile setups which are much more sophisticated than mine.

- Skip AA6WK

2294. BMHA Presence at Dayton HamVention?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 04:52:17 UTC
From: wd9fyf
Topic: 2294 Message: 2294

Hello all!

Will there be a BMHA representation at the Dayton HamVention?

This will be my first year in attendance (only been a ham since 1977) and would love to meet some of the members.

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

2295. Re: New to the Hobby

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 05:07:51 UTC
From: Jason
Topic: 2292 Message: 2295

Thanks Skip..Great article..Your discussion on Public servicewas good..That is one of my interest..Being in the Guard, we are required to take FEMA classes and I am now on the 4th class.In the process of taking these, I have grown even more an interest in being of service via my bicycle..Search and Rescue is one of the areas that interest me..So when I was asked to take the license test and began to look for information, an idea came into my head of using the Bicycle-mobil as a SAR vehicle..Your article confirmed what I was thinking..

Now all I have to do is figure out the equipment and get started..Hmmm..Lots of homework..

Thanks...

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2296. Re: New to the Hobby

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 11:52:32 UTC
From: esteve_ll2000
Topic: 2292 Message: 2296

Hi Jason,

Welcom to the Radio Amateur world.

I like backpack and bike too so I usually have a HF station on the bike.

You can check:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIjWpPKa1dA

73, Esteve EB3EPR

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2297. Re: BMHA Presence at Dayton HamVention?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 13:25:26 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2294 Message: 2297

Welcome Harry, yes BMHA will have a forum at Dayton again this year. This will be our 20th annual forum at the Hamvention. See the main BMHA website, www.bmha-hams.org for details. In past years we have had informal get togethers at the Hamvention but nothing is planned this year, just the forum on Sunday morning.

Thanks for the inquiry and hope to meet you at the forum,

73-Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

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2298. Re: New to the Hobby

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 16:14:35 UTC
From: Jason
Topic: 2292 Message: 2298

Thank you Exsteve. I liked the video..Good set up..

Jason

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2299. FT 817 ND, FD 857, or the PFR 3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 16:30:23 UTC
From: Jason
Topic: 2299 Message: 2299

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I like the FD817ND for its size, weight and its combo pack of the power source in the same unit..It looks to have several bands..I was curious about how and if it could be hooked up to solar panel? I diffinetly want to do some DXing along with emergency/public service work (thats for the State Guard), but also to do some logging and just how far I can push the radio while I am out there..The radio will be takin on multi day bike trips and backpacking trips..The solar panels are needed to keep the batteries charged and HOPEFULLY just use the radio connected to the panels..

With the FD 817ND can anyone give me suggestions/advice o the PFR 3 and the KX1?? the 857 is also a prime candidate..

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Thanks,

Jason

2300. Re: FT 817 ND, FD 857, or the PFR 3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 16:52:25 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2299 Message: 2300

Jason,

You stated you were taking classes through FEMA. You may be required to have ssb capability. You need to find out what the Guard expects of your equipment before you buy a radio. Some of these radios you mentioned are cw only.

72 de Scott/n7net/qrp

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2301. Re: FT 817 ND, FD 857, or the PFR 3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 16:53:26 UTC
From: esteve_ll2000
Topic: 2299 Message: 2301

Hi Jason,

Its dificult to say but I do not recomend to you the PFR3 or KX1 for new radio, this are only CW transceivers and do not know about your CW but at least for me its not a radio for a new one on the radioamateur world.

The FT-817 its an all band radio all mode so you have an all in one but with low power, some times can be a bit fustrating but its a ideal radio for backpack, you will need a external battery and a 10w solar panel will be ok. I have a 2,2Ah Pb gel battery with 5w solar panel and its ok.

The FT-857 can give you more game more watts but need biger battery and also its big and the weith biger that FT-817.

My personal opinion if you want a radio for backpack and bike its FT-817 5W its enougth output to work the world when conditions are good, if not will do great fun working states, canada....

Thing about the antenna its the most important part, but when I am portable and QRP I like light antennas usually wire antennas easy to carry, you can pu between the trees or keep with you a fishing rood.

In other messatge I write a link for a video of one of my portable operations with a bike and PFR3 you can see a solar panel too, its the smaller one by Powerfilm enought to keep the battery 10 pieces of AA 3000mAH in good conditions.

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2302. Re: FT 817 ND, FD 857, or the PFR 3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 17:38:29 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2299 Message: 2302

Welcome to the hobby, Jason!

You have several possibly conflicting requirements. I'm a bit of a beginner to bike-mobile but have an 817, 857 and a K1 (larger predecessor to the KX1). My thoughts:

- The CW rigs (K1, KX1, etc.) are better for portability and power consumption and therefore more suitable for backpacking. I know the K1 and KX1 can include an internal antenna tuner so a simple random wire antenna in a tree and a counterpoise may be all you need. K1 is a bit bulky for backpacking but serviceable. KX1 was designed as a backpacking radio. Both are CW-only and max 5W (or less). Great for in-field, and if-all-else-fails, but not so good if reliable emcomm is the goal.

- FT817 is very bike-portable and OK for man portable (power consumption and weight is about as high as you want to deal with on your back) and gives you VHF/UHF as a bonus. Supports CW, SSB, and digital modes. Add a 30-50W external amplifier (like the hfpacker amp kit) for when conditions require more output and you have a reasonable transportable station for general use and emcomm. I like using my 817 with external power (NiMH packs or 7AH SLA) and install either single-use lithiums or low-discharge NiMH when I want to use internal power. There are also improved internal battery packs and many accessories and upgrades available from 3rd parties. The radio's receiver has some limitations in high interference (contest) conditions, aftermarket filters can help a lot with this.

- FT857 is great if you have a source of DC power or someone else is carrying a big enough battery for you. The 857 can operate at reduced TX power off battery, but still has high receive power consumption. It's a great all-around radio, especially when used with computer rig control for faster access to settings and controls buried in the menu system. A detachable front panel makes it easier to mount on a bike. But you need a much bigger battery vs. an 817 or plan on shorter operating time.

- Not mentioned: A handheld and/or 25-50W mobile VHF/UHF FM rig is a mainstay of local public service and special event communications. Both the 817 and 857 can be used as they support 2M & 70CM FM. If I had to buy just one radio and it was going live on my desk or in my car, I'd go with an 857.

If you are interested in transportable radios, also check out the hfpack group on yahoo - lots of good info on man-portable (and woman, bike, kayak, ...-portable) rigs, antennas, etc. The qrp-l list and archives has a lot of good info on trail-friendly radios and antennas.

Bike mobile content: Some pictures of my road bike set up for supporting a century ride with FM voice & APRS, and my commuter as a recent bike mobile in the VA QSO Party here: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/list

73
Steve
KS1G

2303. Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-12 19:43:44 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 1867 Message: 2303

Hi Everyone,

Barb, kc7bsy, has suffered a foot injury so we've had to postpone our Butterfield Mail Road Trip until autumn. But we are hoping to visit Dayton this year, our first time to make the convention.

I'm waiting on more details before I firm it up.

72 de Scott/n7net

2304. Re: [BMHA] VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-13 16:59:00 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2288 Message: 2304

Nice set up - I was finally able to get pieces of metal for my antenna project last week and took at shot at the different configurations over the weekend and found that, I now have the option of putting the antenna and the mag mount up front on a piece of strong sheet metal that fits perfectly into my map pocket on my handlebar bag or going thru the traditional route of having the antenna mounted on the back of the bike like most configurations have been done, that I've in most of the photos in the files section.

I will post photos later this week.

Jeff
KE7OUR

----- Original Message -----
From: ve3vgp
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 7:52 AM
Subject: [BMHA] VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Seems like there's a lot more interest in my bicycle mobile setup than I thought. I've posted a bunch of photos of the setup to my flickr account.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/76937082@N00/sets/72157623814719986/

73
VE3VGP bicycle mobile.

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2305. Virginia Ham Radio Cruise-In

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-14 01:09:26 UTC
From: MICHAEL W MANSFIELD
Topic: 2305 Message: 2305

This sounds like a good opportunity to show off your bike rig.

73's

Mike WA3RFE

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: ARRL VA Section <memberlist@...>
Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2010 at 9:25 AM
Subject: Virginia Ham Radio
Cruise-In
To: huntington@...

The first ever
Virginia Ham Radio Cruise-In is planned for May Day 2010
in Charlottesville, Virginia -- a central point in the state with easy
vehicular access. The Albemarle Amateur Radio Club in Central Virginia
will
sponsor the first Virginia Ham Radio Cruise-In on May 1, where
hams
can "Meet & greet, show their rig, see others rigs, share the fun
and camaraderie of a great day with fellow hams and the public."
Records show that Virginia has over 16,000 licensed Amateur Radio
Stations.
Many are familiar with cruise-in events at restaurants, drive-ins,
shopping centers or other venues, where participants drive their cars,
trucks, motorcycles, whatever, to display and compete for awards. The
owners of the vehicles take pride in their efforts to restore, modify
or
otherwise spruce them up and enjoy displaying them as much as the
spectators enjoy seeing them.
Mobile ham radio operators are also
proud of the time, effort and more
than a few dollars that they have
invested in their transportable
Amateur Radio stations -- hence the
Amateur Radio Cruise-In where hams
can showcase their work.
The cruise-in is a way of displaying mobile
radio stations put together
by hams -- most of which are made
available for public service
communications. While mobile
communication systems and particularly
cell phones are being discussed nation-wide as great highway safety
issues, it is important for the public to know how much time, money and

resources hams put into their mobile radio stations primarily to serve the
public when other means of communication fail, as well as the fact
that amateur radio mobile operations have been demonstrated to be no
threat to public safety and have no record of such.
Hams who join the
cruise to Charlottesville can pickup a "Certificate
of Participation" just for showing up -- no mobile rig is required,
however certificates will be awarded to the most innovative mobile rig
present for a car, a truck, an RV, a motorcycle and a bicycle; as well as a
special certificate for the ham traveling the longest distance to
participate.
Put this date on your calendar, plan to participate and
spread the word
so others can come too -- the more, the better. The
special event will
be on May Day, May 1, 2010, Saturday, 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. in Darden
Towe Park on Route 20 in Charlottesville. You can register at:
www.albemarleradio.org

Thanks and we look forward to having you with us!!!

Jim Crosby - K4JEC
Vice President, Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

ARRL Virginia Section
Section Manager: Carl A. Clements, W4CAC
w4cac@...

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2306. Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-15 19:53:29 UTC
From: Kent Thygerson
Topic: 2306 Message: 2306

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I am currently using a Yeasu Vx8 with the speaker Microphone.

Would a headset cut the background noise? What have other BM hams done to reduce the wind noise?

Thanks

Kent
KJ6APX

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2307. Re: [BMHA] Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-15 21:44:12 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2306 Message: 2307

I have used a Yaesu VX-5 for some time and also their noise-canceling speaker / mic. If you can get w wind screen as used by performers and / or on-scene newscasters, it can be of great help. You will be in the wind most of the time, except if you are riding with the wind and at the approximate same speed. In addition, you will be generating your own wind as you pedal and talk!

I put my VX-5 in a pocket of my handle-bar bag and then only have to hold the mic.

If you can get / make a J-Pole rather than the half-wave whip, you should see a marked improvement. You can make one with some 300 Ohm twin-lean or window-lead and just fasten it to a fiber glass flag pole. The website has lots of antenna ideas and designs.

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

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2308. Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-15 22:31:03 UTC
From: PSK 3-13-2010pp
Topic: 2306 Message: 2308

I use the VX8 bike mobile as well and thought the Blue Tooth accessory would really be good. It is good for RX, is overcomes the ambient wind and extraneous noise quite well. The TX side, not so good. The VOX is pretty worthless with wind noise. The PTT on the headset works fine, you just have to keep driving one-handed.

BTW I use a homebrew twin-lead j-pole on a fiberglass stick as someone has already suggested and I hit repeaters up to 30 miles away.

Have fun-BMH is great.

73

Bob

WB0DSF

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2309. Re: Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-15 23:00:19 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2306 Message: 2309

I too love fiberglass bike-flag J poles for bicycle mobile:
http://qsl.net/w5aox/images/APRS/JpoleBike2.jpg
http://qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg

I have tried several bike-mobile mic setups, and all suffer when the wind blows strongly across the microphone:

-Kenwood remote speaker-mike (Works OK but have to ride one-armed when using it or pull over and stop)

-MFJ earpiece/boom mike (Works well, not too sturdy, have had to put it back together a few times)

-Puxing - style Chinese "secret service" mike with collar-lapel clip microphone and coiled audio tube piping sound into the ear (Works OK, but again, one-handed riding cuz you have to reach for the PTT/mic button)

-MFJ "Ear-Mike" setup with Velcro mounted PTT button for handlebars
(This item apparently has been discontinued since it worked so poorly. It was almost worth the price as a donor source for the velcro PTT switch which is great on ANOTHER mic)

I have trouble resisting ads for "another" earpiece/mic setup. I just bought another online (Again from a Chinese Ebay vendor) that is intended for motorcycle use. I'm hoping it works well....
W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6 bike-mobile tracker

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2310. Re: Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-16 00:55:04 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2306 Message: 2310

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "AOX" <w5aox@...> wrote:
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Search the list archives for "pryme" for several threads from last year and 2008 discussing their boom mike/earpiece sets. I used one with a VX5 with some success but ultimately decided the 400-series model wasn't rugged enough. Their motorcycle version has been suggested as better (more rugged) and has a waterproof PTT button for the handlebars.

I replaced the Pryme with a McKay C1LHS and used it on another century ride last September. I mostly listened, so can't say how good it is at wind blocking. I described the setup in post 2097 on 8/26/2009. I have subsequently picked up a VX8 and while the bluetooth feature works well with several 3rd party headsets I've tried, I have yet to try it bike mobile and would prefer a separate PTT button (like the McKay bluetooth headsets) that can be attached to the handlebars so I am not riding 1-handed.

Bike-flag j-poles or coaxial dipoles are my favorite bike antennas - about as lightweight and good-performing for 2M as you are going to find, and the bike flag provides some safety benefits and I can use it on a road bike without a rack.

73 Steve KS1G

2311. Re: [BMHA] Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-16 04:35:18 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2306 Message: 2311

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http://www.headsetusa.com/downloads/flyers/ModularDescription.jpg

>>> Kent Thygerson<verdexj@...> 4/15/2010 1:53 PM >>>

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2312. Re: [BMHA] Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-16 06:32:19 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2306 Message: 2312

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box. You would need also to replace the mic elements. The originals used
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helmet (actually, little more than a fabric head-cover). Don't forget
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73,
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2313. Re: [BMHA] Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-16 13:43:50 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2306 Message: 2313

I've seen the new throat mic set up from Klien and I don't think it would be that bad. The ear-piece pickup that I got uses the vibration of the bones in your ear to transmit and it is the quietest mic I have ever had.. They may still have it but just don't list it.

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This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.

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2314. Re: Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-16 21:21:01 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2306 Message: 2314

I use the Icom HS headset bike mobile/motorcycle mobile on my 2 meter right with the rubber wind screen in place have never had complaints of back ground or wind noise. Others in my group use the Heil headsets with rubber wind screens and report having good results.
Good Luck
73
Jim

2315. Re: Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-19 18:05:54 UTC
From: verdexj@ymail.com
Topic: 2306 Message: 2315

Thanks for all the leads, it sounds like this is a common issue. Sounds like it has been rehashed several times.

As for the antenna, I tried about 7 different 300 ohm lead line antennas. The SWR was too high on all of the templates I used. I even tried a lot of experimenting. Out of desperation and a desire to just get on the road, I opted for a manufactured antenna. It seems to be working fine for my needs.

73,

Kent
KJ6APX

2316. Re: Wind noise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-19 21:27:57 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2306 Message: 2316

Kent,

Sometimes the J-pole antennas made from 300 Ohm twin lead generate a high swr. One way to control the swr is to leave enough coax to allow a decoupling coil - four turns making a four inch coil right at the base of whatever you're using for an antenna mast.

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2317. SOLAR POWERED WITHOUT BATTERIES

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-22 16:40:31 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2317 Message: 2317

At 11:30 GMT today: (22nd April 2010)

I had a 2 way QSO with John, ZL2JBR on 20M SSB over in Wellington New Zealand, whilst using only solar power from my pedestrian mobile 2 wheel trolley
(without the use of any batteries) with a 5/3 report.

The QSO was witnessed by Lee, G0DBE.

The radio on the trolley was a Mizuho MX-14S 20M 2 Watt SSB/CW handheld transceiver
powered by a double solar panel mounted on a 2 wheel trolley, and the antenna was a full size quarter wave again mounted on the trolley, the ground was a home made tuned frame GTU without radials.

I operated from Lytham Lancashire, North-West England and I was very close to the sea water.

It sure makes a change for the sun to shine over here!!

73's ...

Dave G4AKC

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2318. Re: [BMHA] SOLAR POWERED WITHOUT BATTERIES

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-22 21:15:46 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2317 Message: 2318

Very interesting QSO from across the pond from out Euro counterparts! Nice catch David.

Jeff
KE7OUR

----- Original Message -----
From: David
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 9:40 AM
Subject: [BMHA] SOLAR POWERED WITHOUT BATTERIES

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2319. Re: VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-22 22:28:11 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2288 Message: 2319

If you use the http://aprs.fi/?call=w9az-14 aprs tracking lookup, you will find most digipeaters now have a "Normal receiver range estimate" under the "Info" link for that callsign. Comes in very handy. I just looked up W9AZ-14 as a near digi to your QTH. Substitute the call of another digi if you know it, or link to aprs.fi and enter your desired area and watch the local activity for a while and see what kind of coverage you might expect.... by watching what's already going on there.
How does your maintenance person know "it isn't so good for bicycle mobiles"? Has he tried it, and with what equipment, power, and antenna? I notice larger "dead spots" when using my TH-D7 with my J pole on the bike compared to my 40+ watt mobile TM-D700 in the car but I still find it useful to track my movements. If you ride far enough eventually you'll get in range of another digipeater.
If there is an undesirably large "Dead Area" with no APRS digi coverage that you like to frolic in often, get involved with a club or another ham or two and see if you can't get another digi installed there. Setting up a digipeater is a fair bit less expensive than a voice repeater, and (judging from the number of voice repeaters with no voices on them answering me when I come through your area), more useful.
If you have a Kenwood TM-D700, 710, or Yaesu FTM-350 in your car, leave the radio on and activate the digipeater function in it just before you ride off on the bike. It might add another few miles to your bike aprs coverage.
W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800 bike-tracker

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Harry G. Seyfert" <wd9fyf@...> wrote:
>
> What range can you get with the APRS link? Our local club (KARS) has an
> APRS digi-peter, but the person who maintains it tells me it isn't so
> good for bicycle mobile. Also, since I am interested in cycling about
> 80 miles to the south, on occasion, i would be "out in the wilderness'
> with no way of being tracked! Exactly against what I had hoped to
> accomplish!
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> 73,
> Harry Seyfert, WD9FYF

2320. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum 2010 Details

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-25 14:09:09 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2320 Message: 2320

Dayton Hamvention 2010 BMHA Forum
Date: May 16, 2010
Time: 9:30
Room: Room 5

The 20th annual BMHA forum is set for Sunday, May 16th at 9:15 am in Room 5. Mike Nickolaus, NF0N, is our forum moderator this year.
Our featured speaker is Barry Bogart, VE7VIE/WV2J. Barry is an experienced tourist and will be on tour while attending the Hamvention. Barry is riding his folding bike and will be demonstrating his setup complete with APRS.
We are encouraging anyone to bring their setup and display at the Forum. We will set aside a portion of the forum time for attendees to roam the room and ask questions, take pictures and learn about how others have setup their bikes with VHF/HF gear and antenna systems. If anyone would like to present pictures or audio, we will have the necessary viewing equipment available. Bring your CD/DVD or presentations on removable media. Computer equipment will be supplied.
There will be a short BMHA business meeting and Q and A if time permits.
Arnie, KA0NCR, the BMHA ride coordinator, will review the annual Hamvention Bike ride from Saturday. We are hoping for good cycling weather and to meet many of you on the ride.

See the BMHA web site at:

www.BMHA-Hams.org

or BMHA on Yahoo Groups for any last minute forum changes or additions.

The Dayton Hamvention website is located at:
http://www.hamvention.org.
Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

2321. BICYCLE MOBILE TODAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-27 10:05:44 UTC
From: David
Topic: 2321 Message: 2321

Hello All,

I will be out today (Tuesday 27th April) from about 1700 gmt for a couple of hours on 20M SSB around 14.200 plus or minus QRM.

I will be bicycle mobile running QRO (about 200Watts) from the promenade in Blackpool Lancashire.

From this location I have excellent take off into USA and Canada.

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2322. Re: BICYCLE MOBILE TODAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-28 06:49:46 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2321 Message: 2322

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2323. Re: BICYCLE MOBILE TODAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-28 07:46:59 UTC
From: esteve_ll2000
Topic: 2321 Message: 2323

Woooow Dave,

Well done amazing results for your bicicle mobil.

Unfortunatly I can not be active during most of the work days during the week.

Maybe I can work you during weekend.

73, Esteve EB3EPR

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2324. New newsletter posted

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-30 18:09:02 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2324 Message: 2324

Thanks to the efforts of Norm N9ZKS and a host of others, we have the latest newsletter posted on the BMHA website.

http://www.BMHA-Hams.org/BMHA/Newsletter/Newsletters.htm

(it is a 6 MB download of a PDF file).

Earlier newsletters (and an up-to-date interactive index of all past newsletters) are at the same location.

2325. Re: New newsletter posted

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-04-30 18:24:14 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2324 Message: 2325

The server has a limited number of connections (which usually isn't a problem). If too many people access at the same time, you may have to wait a bit and retry.

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2326. Re: BICYCLE MOBILE TODAY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-02 08:15:56 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2321 Message: 2326

Hello Esteve,

I am away this weekend but we must arrange a sked soon.

73's ...

Dave G4AKC

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2327. Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 13:02:03 UTC
From: n1evh
Topic: 2327 Message: 2327

What are people using to mount theit HT's to their bikes???

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If you are using a RAM mount... what model cradle are you using with your HT and do you have problems with it interfereing with the PTT or DC jack on the sides of the radio??

Thanks,

Mike - N1EVH

2328. RE: [BMHA] Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 15:31:03 UTC
From: BMHA-Webmaster
Topic: 2327 Message: 2328

My mount is entirely home-brew. I used a piece of square-cross-section plastic downspout (about 4 inches square), cut in half to make two "U"-shaped sections that I mounted back-to-back.

A cutout in the side allows the PTT and power connections, and a Velcro strap holds the radio in place. A piece of "wetsuit" foam provides a small amount of padding.

The mount is attached to the handlebars and is adjacent to the stem (which provides fore/aft lateral stability). I used shoelaces (literally) as straps to tie the mount in place (the Velcro then holds the radio to the mount).

Pictures of my setup are in an article I wrote a few years ago:
http://lafetra.com/skip/aa6wk/Articles/CQ-VHF/April-1998.htm

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of n1evh
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 6:02 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Mounting an HT on a bike...

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2329. Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 16:02:29 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2327 Message: 2329

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On my RAM mount, there are clever cutouts that allow the radio to be inserted with the large capacity battery, belt clip, GPS and external speaker / microphone connection, etc.
Most radios have belt clips and most GPS units have some sort of clips or lips for dash mounting which can be adapted for your needs.
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2330. Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 16:17:55 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2327 Message: 2330

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2331. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 17:23:14 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2327 Message: 2331

After clicking on the link and seen the TH-D7 cradle... I did a search on the
RAM website for Kenwood, Alinco, Yaesu, and Icom. It appears the TH-D7 cradle is the ONLY cradle that is made for a specific ham radio HT. It would be nice if they made cradles for other HTs.

I have the single u-bolt handlebar mount with I believe the 3-inch extension arm and the cradle for my Garmin GPS V. I find it to be a very solid mount for
the GPS, so I didn't know if something like this would be readily available for
HTs.

Mike - N1EVH

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From: AOX
Date: 05/03/10 12:05:06
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

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2332. Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 17:24:19 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2327 Message: 2332

Follow-up - info on the RAM mount I use with the VX8. gpscity.com carries both items.

Radio: RAM-HOL-BC1 RAM Mount Universal Belt Clip Bar Holder
Handlebar/Stem: RAP-274-1-BC1U RAM Mount Universal Belt Clip Bar Bike Mount

2333. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 17:49:59 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2327 Message: 2333

I also have the "Kangaroo Pouch" that I've used in the past with my VX-5R (which is no longer with me). The same pouch also seems to fit the VX-7R and the Kenwood TH-F6A. I never really thought about trying to use it as a bike mount. I guess some black UV ty-wraps could be used to attach the belt-clip on the back of the pouch to the stem... but not sure if it would rotate side-to-side on there. I guess I could take off the Radio Shack FRS Radio handlebar case that I have and ty-wrap the pouch to the stem and see how it is. Can also see how kind of shock/vibration the radio would take being in that case mounted on there stem.

I seen that "Universal Radio Mount"... but to me it looked as if the fingers on
the side would've been spaced kind of far for the smaller HTs on the market. Seeing you using it with the VX-8R will make me reconsider that option.

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http://www.gpscity
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Mike - N1EVH

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Date: 5/3/2010 12:23:32 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

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2334. Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 18:12:47 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2327 Message: 2334

Glad you like the FT817 mount. I think you could home-brew a clamp using 2 pieces of plywood and a couple of long bolts to clamp them together with the radio held firmly in between. If you have suitable aluminum or steel bar or u-stock and tools to cut & drill it, you could probably make a metal clamp.

The Minoura handlebar extender with the 817 mounted on it has a tendency to slowly rotate down from vibration - not a big deal, you just need to be aware of it. A RAM mount with U-clamp is probably stronger, I'd be careful using it on carbon-fiber handlebars (crushing).

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2335. Re: [BMHA] Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-03 15:31:47 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2327 Message: 2335

----- Original Message -----
From: "n1evh"

> What are people using to mount theit HT's to their bikes???
(snip)

I hesitate to mount an HT *on* the bike ... *especially* "off road".

Many (most?) HT's are not built for that kind of abuse, and, IMHO, you are only looking for trouble down the line. Riding on the road is only marginally better. Some streets are quite bumpy.

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

2336. Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 01:17:24 UTC
From: ke4wmf
Topic: 2327 Message: 2336

Hello,

I've dusted off my bikes after years of storage. I'm back at it and just finished a ride with a local B-pace group. Good stuff! Anyway, I'm not sure I agree with this assessment. I mounted an old HT to a road bike and did that for a little while. I cracked a rim and pitted a headset... radios were fine. Then I mounted to two different mountain bikes with great success. If anything, the front suspension actually takes some of the edge off the bumps. Yes, that includes off-road... and I mean in an areas (Cape Cod at the time) with LOTS of rocks. I didn't take the time to go around... I rode right over them. The bike's been crashed a few times, too. The HT has held up fine, thanks to no direct impacts. Keep in mind the radio is a 1995 Yaesu FT-11R, no MILSPEC standards on that thing! Today's tougher HTs are up to the challenge.

Regarding my choice of mounting, I opted to use the mounting system for an old (and inexpensive) headlight mount. The details are a bit hazy. But take any inexpensive headlight, perhaps an old one that you've upgraded from, and remove the mounting parts. I glued/screwed the part that came off the light onto a small Radio Shack project box and cutout pieces for the wires to pass. The part that goes on the handlebars goes, well, on the handlebars. ;) The result is a quick-release HT mount. A velcro strap ensures the HT doesn't come out, even in endover-type crashes. I didn't use any retension straps. I figured my RF cable was sufficient for keeping the HT from hitting the ground if it somehow came off. I have OLD photos on my website at http://www.KE4WMF.com. Keep in mind these are before affordable digital cameras and before I was as detail-oriented as I was when I documented my car's ham shack.

I'm currently between bicycle mobile rigs. My FT-11R is semi-permanently mounted in my car as an APRS radio. But I have my eyes on the new VX-8GR for bicycle duty. I'll be sure to post plenty of details when I get that one set up... possibly in JUL. :)

BTW, I'm not quite the crashmaster this post portrays me to be. Most of my incidents happened at low speed, but on really challenging trails. I'll attempt any obstacle that doesn't require airtime. But I've always reserved the right to bail out rather than wind up breaking more bones. ;)

73,

Scott

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> From: "n1evh"
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2337. Re: [BMHA] Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 02:26:28 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2327 Message: 2337

Well... I've had an HT mounted on my various mountain bikes for about 10 or so years... using my old Radio Shack FRS Radio handlebar case. Over the years I've used my Alinco DJ-560, my Yaesu FT-51R, FT-50R, VX-5R, and VX-7R, and I've used my Kenwood TH-F6A and TH-D7A. Al radios are still in perfect working order... except for the VX-5R. After 10 years... the radio was very difficult to turn on (I could press it 20 times before the radio would turn on). With my vision these days... I didn't feel like ordering a new keypad from Yaesu and try to replace it.

The only problem I've had with any "bumps"... is one time my VX-5R came out of the handlebar case and it crashed to the ground. It kind of landed on the antenna and SMA. The antenna got bent a little... the SMA got bent a little... but everything still worked fine.

Ever since then... I've used a spring-loaded clip on the radios lanyard and I wrapped it around the handlebar once and then clipped it on either the break or shifter cable... and no radio has crashed to the ground since.

Mike - n1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Richard Amirault
Date: 05/03/10 20:57:25
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Mounting an HT on a bike...

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From: "n1evh"

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Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

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2338. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 02:30:30 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2327 Message: 2338

Well... my bike is a 2008 Trek 3700 mountain bike. The frame is aluminum and the handlebars are metal (not sure if its steel or aluminum... I've never
checked to see if a magnet will stick to it).

I already have a RAM U-bolt type mount for my Garmin GPS V... and I didn't crush the handlebar when I tightened that down.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: BrassRat77
Date: 5/3/2010 2:15:13 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Glad you like the FT817 mount. I think you could home-brew a clamp using 2 pieces of plywood and a couple of long bolts to clamp them together with the radio held firmly in between. If you have suitable aluminum or steel bar or u-stock and tools to cut & drill it, you could probably make a metal clamp.

The Minoura handlebar extender with the 817 mounted on it has a tendency to slowly rotate down from vibration - not a big deal, you just need to be aware of it. A RAM mount with U-clamp is probably stronger, I'd be careful using it on carbon-fiber handlebars (crushing).

73 Steve KS1G

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "n1evh@..." <n1evh@...> wrote:
> I liked how you have the FT-817 setup on the bike... but you state that you're
> using a mount that is no longer made for the radio. I've been playing around
> with the idea of mounting my FT-817 on my bike.

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2339. Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 16:29:42 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2327 Message: 2339

I've been running mounted HT's on bikes since I was in college in the 1970's and continuously on workdays (I bicycle-commute) for the last 5 years.
I've used Icom 2AT's, W2A's, homebrew HT's in aluminum mini-boxes, Yaesu VX-8R, and most continuously for the last 3 years, the Kenwood TH-D7. None of them has ever hit the ground (I popped a W2A off my belt onto the pavement while RUNNING to catch a city bus a couple years ago - Battery separated and required repair; radio was fine). The worst hazards I've encountered have been Microphones popping off their hook/mount and catching in the front wheel spokes. This has happened 2 or 3 times: The mic and cord survived, as did I, each time. Shortening the stretchable length of the mike cord by tying it off with Velcro or zip ties cures this. Spending the time to set up a motorcycle-style PTT switch on the handlebars and helmet-mount ear speaker and windsock-equipped microphone also cures this.
I have LOST spare NiCad batteries, accessories, and a remote speaker/microphone from bouncing out of the backpack on bike rides, as well as jackets and other items. This is just a hazard of riding a bike carrying anything useful.
Even when radios were more relatively expensive, I have always wanted to use them in all my activities. I think the enjoyment of using them - ESPECIALLY on the bike - is worth the risk of having to repair or replace them, which in my experience doesn't amount to much. Nowadays, with radios SO relatively inexpensive (fraction of the cost of most bikes), why get uptight about risking them by using them on your most-fun conveyance?
The biggest maintenance item in my biking efforts is wear and tear on the antenna, requiring repair or replacement once or twice a year. I consider this a small price to pay for the enjoyment of ham radio and other geek gadgets on the bicycle.
I currently use a foam shock-mount consisting of a sandwich of 2 "floating" aluminum pieces with foam packing material in the middle.
I find that mounting the radio on a quasi-flexible mount, allowing flex in the mounting system while bouncing, helps a lot. Prior to this, I put thousands of miles on the TH-D7 using only a cut piece of aluminum 1/8" X 2.5" X 10" strap, hose-clamped to the handlebar stem on one end and the D7 clipped on the other end with its belt clip. Adding stick-on velcro loop pads to the smooth aluminum end helped the D7 clip maintain grip.
As noted by others, there are many ways to skin this cat. Have fun and run what you brung, and tell us about it.
Jim W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=w5aox-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800 Bike-Mobile tracker

2340. Re: Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 16:51:17 UTC
From: K6LCS
Topic: 2327 Message: 2340

>> ... It appears the TH-D7 cradle is the ONLY cradle that is made for a specific ham radio HT ...

Well - if your HT has a BELT CLIP, then RAM has you covered with their RAM-B-138-BC1. Photos at ...

http://tinyurl.com/2c2obxt

The platform of this mount will accommodate just about any ham HT on the market.

Clint Bradford, K6LCS
http://www.k6lcs.com

2341. Dayton BMHA Saturday bike ride.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 18:04:55 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 2341 Message: 2341

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73 - Arnie KA0NCR

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2342. Re: Mounting the HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 20:52:23 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2342 Message: 2342

I use old Icom IC-02 or 03 or 04 on my bike with an old Drake 10 watt amplifier or Heathkit 15 watt amplifier. No mounting hardware!!!!
I have a big ugly bag mounted on the front handle bars. The kind that has a plastic pouch to put a map in, so you can follow your route. The amp and 2 amp hour battery go inside the bag. 2 amp hour power pocket battery powers everything. The radio goes is the map pocket, protected from the rain, still able to see what freq I'm on (if I'm in scan it helps). I have crashed both off road and on pavement several times and the bag bounces around a little however the radio an amp remind me of the old Gillette commercials from TV. The amp sends the signal to either a 19 inch or 80 inch antenna mounted with a car mirror mount on the rear rack. They take a licking and keep on ticking. Not a single crack, chip or dent on any of the equipment.
Good luck,
73
Jim
W1RO

2343. Re: [BMHA] Mounting an HT on a bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 21:43:34 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2327 Message: 2343

----- Original Message -----
From: <n1evh

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(snip)

I'm sure that some folks don't have problems. I just don't want to risk it with my radios and just wanted to bring up that option. When I did do bike mobile I mounted my radio on my person, on a special belt (not used to hold my pants up) It worked for me.

Richard Amirault
N1JDU
http://bostonfandom.org

2344. Re: [BMHA] Re: Mounting the HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 22:29:46 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2342 Message: 2344

A 19 inch or 80 inch antenna... now one thing that I've seen EVERYONE say is that you should go with a 1/2-wave antenna so that you don't need a groundplane. Not sure what kind of groundplane a bike offers.... but the 19 inch antenna would need it and I guess the 80 inch antenna is about a full-wave.

I was thinking about using my Diamond CR627 (6m/2m/70cm) tri-band antenna which is about 62 inches long and only using it 2m (3 - 1/4-wave) and 70cm (3 - 5/8-wave)... but ended up getting a dual-band antenna which was advertised as a "no ground required" a 1/2-wave on 2m and 2 - 5/8-wave on 70cm.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: W1RO@...
Date: 5/4/2010 4:52:50 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Mounting the HT

The amp sends the signal to either a 19 inch or 80 inch antenna mounted with a car mirror mount on the rear rack.

Good luck,
73
Jim
W1RO

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2345. RE: [BMHA] Re: Mounting the HT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-04 23:57:09 UTC
From: William Schmidt
Topic: 2342 Message: 2345

That was the Timex watch commerical.

Cameron Swayze unties a watch from the propeller of an outboard motor. He puts it to his ear and listens. Turning to the camera he grins and says, "it takes a licking and keeps on ticking."

Bill,WV1N
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: W1RO@...
Date: Tue, 4 May 2010 16:52:23 -0400
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Mounting the HT

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Good luck,

73

Jim

W1RO

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The New Busy is not the too busy. Combine all your e-mail accounts with Hotmail.
http://www.windowslive.com/campaign/thenewbusy?tile=multiaccount&ocid=PID28326::T:WLMTAGL:ON:WL:en-US:WM_HMP:042010_4

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2346. Re: HT mounting corrections/questions answered

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-05 15:32:50 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2346 Message: 2346

TIMEX..OOPS!! it was the timex commercial that takes a licking and keeps on ticking. Usually heard in my part of the country during the Friday night fights.

Antenna. the 80 inch antenna is the Hustler Collinear. It is used primarily to keep the buses out of the bike lane. The buses have a habit of putting their outside mirror only inches from my helmet. When I swing the antenna they move over one lane and give me room. It of couse puts out a good signal.

The 19 inch antenna is of course not the best choice in the world if you are comparing 1/4 wave to 1/2 wave antennas. It is used because, IT WAS LYING AROUND DOING NOTHING!!! hi hi Surprisingly it does a great job here on the repeaters during special events where the big antenna isn't needed for self defense. Most of the repeaters in this area are either on the roof of the hotels or mountain tops.

2347. Re: Dayton BMHA Saturday bike ride.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-14 23:32:23 UTC
From: .
Topic: 2341 Message: 2347

KC9EKU and KA8ZSB are planning on riding. So, who else brought their bikes this weekend?

stephen kc9eku
--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Arnie Grubbs <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
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2348. Re: Dayton BMHA Saturday bike ride.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-15 11:19:33 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2341 Message: 2348

We are here and plan to ride too. Weather looks good, see you on the ride.

Mike, NF0N

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "." <shepner@...> wrote:
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2349. Dayton Saturday ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-15 12:18:29 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2349 Message: 2349

Can someone please post here ASAP the where and when of that Saturday ride? I could not find it on the web site.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/Wv2J

--- On Sat, 5/15/10, BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 869
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Saturday, May 15, 2010, 3:58 AM

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Re: Dayton BMHA Saturday bike ride.

Posted by: "."
shepner@...

shepner2000

Fri May 14, 2010 4:32 pm (PDT)

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2350. Re: Dayton Saturday ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-15 13:28:10 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2349 Message: 2350

LAST YEAR'S BIKE RIDE INFORMATION IS AT:

http://bmha-hams.org/BMHA/Timely/BMHA%20Ride%202009.doc

SELECTED INFO:
For more info, check out the trail website at:

http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/wolf.htm

I felt that the best time would be Saturday afternoon with a start time of 4 PM local time. This should give people a fair amount of time all day Friday and Saturday morning and part of the afternoon to check out the Hamvention, while still giving time to get to the trail head.

The trail should provide about 25+ miles of travel for those of you who wish to ride to each end.
We plan to start at the trail head at the intersection of Arlington Rd and Upper Lewisburg Salem Rd, which is just off I-70 exit 21 at Brookville. This trail head has parking, and several places to eat near by. It is just across the street from Rob's Restaurant and from what I am told it is great and that it is frequented by the local bike club on their Saturday morning rides.. so that sounds like a great endorsement to me! We can plan to chow down at Rob's after the ride.

The easiest way to get to the trail head from the Hamvention is to go west a few blocks from the Arena to Salem Ave. and then head north to I-70. Proceed west on I-70 to Exit - 21. Take the off ramp, go south over the Interstate and proceed 1 block south to the trail head at Golden Gate park. The trail head will be on the east side of the road just before you cross the Upper Lewisburg/Salem road way.

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2351. KJ6CQC Bicycle Mobile Trans-America

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-15 14:59:46 UTC
From: Dean McCollom
Topic: 2351 Message: 2351

Greetings,

My name is Dean McCollom KJ6CQC and I am active with the Santa Cruz County California ARES group.

I will be operating bicycle mobile on a trip from Florence Oregon to Yorktown Virginia. Il try to make as many QSO?s with the locals as I can on the local 2m and 70cm repeaters. Additionally, I will be monitoring 146.520MHz. so Keep your eyes and ears open for me. I would be interested in hearing about and participating in any local two meter nets. If things work out I would be willing to talk about my adventures at club meetings. (Consistent with the logistics of being bicycle mobile)

Please pass the word about me along.

To learn more about my route please see:

http://www.adventurecycling.org/routes/transamerica.cfm

To learn more about me please see my trip journal at:

http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/LemonadeMagnate

I hope to hear you on the air.

73s

Dean McCollom

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Dean McCollom
Cell 831-239-4118

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2352. Re: [BMHA] KJ6CQC Bicycle Mobile Trans-America

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-15 16:55:25 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2351 Message: 2352

Dean,

Good luck on your trip east from Florence to Eugene and onto Virgina. When do you plan on taking this trip and passing through Eugene, perhaps a hook up along the way?

73's,

Jeff - KE7OUR
Eugene, OR

----- Original Message -----
From: "Dean McCollom" <dmccollom@...>
To: <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 7:59 AM
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2353. Any coverage of the Dayton 2010 BMHA ride?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-21 20:47:53 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2353 Message: 2353

Haven't heard of or seen any pix or videos popping up yet. I was not able to attend and hoped for some vicarious enjoyment of the ride, as well as the Sunday forum, from a distance..... :?)
Jim W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800 AOX bike-tracker

2354. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Report

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-22 03:17:22 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2354 Message: 2354

Dayton BMHA 2010 Forum ☐ Another Great Turnout

This year's forum was another great one. We had a great turnout, nearly 100 and had a great program speaker.

Arn Grubbs, KA0NCR, the organizer of the Dayton BMHA ride, talked about the 2010 ride and then showed pictures from this years ride. The weather was great and our turnout doubled from last year. He did a great job of making it another successful ride and the consensus was to do it again next year. See the Photo section in Yahoo Groups for the pictures.

Norm Huber, N9ZKS, our newsletter editor talked about the newsletter and his plans. He also asked for more articles as this is one of the best ways to show what you are doing and to distribute information to the BMHA membership.

Our featured speaker, Barry Bogart, VE7VIE/WV2J, and Barry always has some great experiences to share. Barry is on tour in the east coast and brought his folding bike to the forum and demonstrated how he has APRS mounted on it along with a special mount for an antenna that uses the bike as a base mount. See the pictures section for this picture. He talked about some of his many experiences touring both on the west coast of Canada and other expeditions he has made in various parts of the world. He had some great pictures. We wish him the best on his current tour.

We always ask and promote others to bring their bike or project and speak at the forum. Bob Curry, KC3VO, brought his special hybrid bicycle with him to the forum and we were able to let him speak and demonstrate his special bike. It is a combination electric/pedal bike and has some very special ways of running. You can pedal or use the batteries inside the wheels to drive it. Braking can assist in recharging the batteries similar to a hybrid car. Bob also has a 300 watt radio using a backpack amplifier he can use while he rides.

I was able to take a number of pictures of the forum and the bicycles displayed this year. Unfortunately my camera didn't work very good as many of the pictures are fuzzy. I also uploaded the pictures Arn, KA0NCR, snapped at the BMHA bike ride. See the Photo section of Yahoo Groups for the pictures.

Another great forum and I look forward to hosting it once again next year. I fully expect the Hamvention to invite us once again.

Mike, NF0N

2355. Re: Any coverage of the Dayton 2010 BMHA ride?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-22 03:31:26 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2353 Message: 2355

Jim,

Your posting prompted me to finish my article and post the pictures. I have just uploaded a few pictures and a short report on this years forum. Unfortunately my camera didn't work very well for some reason so the forum pictures are quite blurry and out of focus. I need to look at a new camera I guess. But at least you can see the bikes and owners of same.

Mike, NF0N

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "AOX" <w5aox@...> wrote:
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> Haven't heard of or seen any pix or videos popping up yet. I was not able to attend and hoped for some vicarious enjoyment of the ride, as well as the Sunday forum, from a distance..... :?)
> Jim W5AOX
> http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800 AOX bike-tracker
>

2356. 20M BICYCLE MOBILE

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-05-22 10:57:16 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2356 Message: 2356

Hello All,

I am out today (Saturday) and also tomorrow "Bicycle Mobile" on 20M SSB
on or around 14.200MHz.

I will be out from 1200Z to 1500Z both days.

73's ...

Dave G4AKC

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2357. Bike ride to my 50th Class Reunion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-01 00:32:43 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2357 Message: 2357

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2358. Re: Bike ride to my 50th Class Reunion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-01 02:40:24 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2357 Message: 2358

Mike,

That's great news. Please kieep us posted.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2359. Cycling around Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-02 15:35:52 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2359 Message: 2359

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73 and keep the rubber side down.

Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

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function clearText(thefield){
if (thefield.defaultValue==thefield.value)
thefield.value = ""
}
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--- On Tue, 6/1/10, BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 872
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 4:38 AM

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Posted by: "Mike"
nf0n@...

nf0n

Mon May 31, 2010 5:33 pm (PDT)

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2360. Pedestrian Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-04 11:20:53 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2360 Message: 2360

I will be out pedestrian mobile on or around 14.200 today (Friday) from about 1700 GMT

73's ...

G4AKC

2361. 2010 American Diabetes Association - Utah Tour de Cure

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-04 12:05:45 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2361 Message: 2361

Hello all in the group,

I am still looking for communications (HAM) operators and drivers to assist with this year's American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure in Brigham City/Box Elder County Utah on June 12th.

We need between 2 and 8 shuttle drivers/comms (these folks will be driving vehicles provided by Larry H. Miller and Hansen Chevrolet.

I am also looking for 2 or 3 more SAG drivers/comms.

Contact me ASAP if you would like to help.

Thanks

Mickey

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2362. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 873

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-04 18:42:55 UTC
From: Mark N8COO
Topic: 2362 Message: 2362

Hi Barry,

Just a thought - from Cincinnati to Xenia on the Little Miami trail (and Xenia connects with other towns like Dayton) is mostly uphill. So if you are going one-way, you may wish to start your travel somewhere up north, like around Xenia, and work your way south.

Xenia is a hub for several trails. See http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/station.htm There are numerous bicycle shops there as well.

If Ohio gets their 3-C train going (Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati)...you may have more options where you start your trek, since it sounds like you prefer rail travel.

I have a homemade bracket on my Schwinn Searcher that I can hang my handheld, using an aftermarker antenna attached direct to the ht, and speaker mic. I picked up an earpiece/mic combo at the Hamvention I plan on trying out on the bike. Once and while I can get someone to talk to me on one of the local repeaters. I'm not native to the Dayton area but travel there frequently.

73 de Mark N8COO

On Thu, Jun 3, 2010 at 7:01 AM, <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA;_ylc=X3oDMTJkaXV1NTNoBF9TAzk3MzU5NzE1BGdycElkAzIyNjkwNDQEZ3Jwc3BJZAMxNzA1MDYzMTA4BHNlYwNoZHIEc2xrA2hwaARzdGltZQMxMjc1NTYyODc2>
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> by: "Barry Bogart" barry_bogart@...
> <barry_bogart@...?Subject=+Re%3ACycling%20around%20Dayton> barry_bogart
> <http://profiles.yahoo.com/barry_bogart> Wed Jun 2, 2010 8:35 am (PDT)
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2363. Re: [BMHA] Bike ride to my 50th Class Reunion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-04 20:34:27 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2357 Message: 2363

Mike wrote:
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I did ride my bike to my 50th high school reunion in 2008. The ride is
422 miles from my house in Illinois to the motel in Greensburg PA with
another 10 miles to St. Vincent College in Latrobe PA. The High School
closed a few years after my graduation due to a fire that destroyed much
of the buildings that housed the Prep. I do have to admit that it was on
my big yellow motorcycle but there are hills in them thar parts.
As a side note, there is a ride called the Chestnut Century mapped by
the Western Pennsylvania Wheelman that was sent to me after a request
for routes in the area a number of years ago. It was described as a ride
"few" of the members could complete. I took my bicycle the next year and
completed the ride of 100 miles, seven times over Chestnut Ridge, the
first ridge of the Allegheny Mountains, knowing full well why it was so
described. A couple of years ago, 2006 I think, I rode the route on my
motorcycle on a Sunday morning and could not believe I had ridden up the
grades I found.
Sometime over the last few years I've lost the snap in the legs I once had.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois - E-:-)
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 96,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2364. Re: Bike ride to my 50th Class Reunion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-07 16:16:03 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2357 Message: 2364

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2365. Re: Bike ride to my 50th Class Reunion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-07 19:49:16 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2357 Message: 2365

Regarding silence on repeaters.

Mike,

I'm truly sorry to hear about the lack of repeater activity.

For years I long-hauled the lower 48 states and Canada with an 18-wheeler and always kept a 2-meter rig on. Once while laid over in Indianapolis I found a friendly repeater group and even engaged in some old-time packet to while away the long hours. But for the most part I never had much luck as a stranger on a repeater.

One time, prior to cell phone days, I found a 4-year-old boy hiking on the northbound shoulder of Interstate 5 in Oregon. I brought up a repeater and announced I had an emergency and described the situation and asked for help but no one responded. With child molestation and kidnapping laws as they are, I didn't dare set him in the cab or drive him somewhere. After ten minutes I broadcast oveer the repeater that everyone within the range of my voice could take an equal share of what happened to this little boy once I drove away. A gravely voice came on, announcing that he would take case of it, but he issued no call sign. I sat on the running board and stayed with the boy until the police arrived. And I never heard the end of the story.

When I leave home I operate on 146.52 simplex, or not at all.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2366. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike ride to my 50th Class Reunion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-07 16:32:45 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2357 Message: 2366

----- Original Message -----
From: "Mike"
(snip)

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A lot of factors are involved with getting a response, including (but
limited to) ..

What time of day was it?
What day of the week was it?
Obviously you were not a "local" with a recognizable call sign .. so did you
add something to your call to "sweeten the pot" so to speak? Like adding
"bicycle mobile" or "bicycle mobile from xxx to yyy"?

Just throwing your call sign out may not be enough. Not every ham who is
listening to a repeater talks to any ham that calls ... even hams that he
knows ... and more so hams that he does not know .. unless there is some
reason other than a random QSO.

For example, on your "home" repeater .. if you are in a QSO with one, or
two, or three other folks ... I'll bet that there are at least that many who
are listening only, and not in the conversation.

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

2367. NF0N on "Make Magazine" youtube Vid... fron Dayton Hamvention 2010

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-07 22:12:45 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 2367 Message: 2367

Check out BMHA Sec, Treasurer and Team Megacycles member NF0N - Mike, who makes a short appearance in "Make Magazine"'s youtube vid...
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn7y35hZoU8&feature=player_embedded
73 - Arnie KA0NCR

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2368. APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-12 20:21:43 UTC
From: Mike Brulo
Topic: 2368 Message: 2368

I was wondering if its practical to rig up an APRS system on my bike and have my computer at home track my mileage, route, and average speed ect. Did anybody ever do this? I couldn't find much on google.

Mike

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2369. Re: [BMHA] APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-13 01:24:02 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2368 Message: 2369

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I have APRS on my bike but don't know if the websites will have the data
you are looking for or if there is a program you could use at home such
as UIview to collect enough granularity of detail.
Good luck
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- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2370. Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-13 01:54:19 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2368 Message: 2370

Mike,

You might find the answer on this website.

Go to http://wa8lmf.net/. Stephen might provide the information you need.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2371. Re: [BMHA] APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-13 02:18:11 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2368 Message: 2371

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2372. Re: [BMHA] APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-13 02:40:13 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 2368 Message: 2372

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2373. RE: [BMHA] APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-13 10:54:46 UTC
From: Mike Brulo
Topic: 2368 Message: 2373

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Toby Markowitz
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2374. RE: [BMHA] APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-13 13:45:36 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2368 Message: 2374

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2375. Re: [BMHA] APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-13 18:59:49 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 2368 Message: 2375

I have used the Garmin Forerunner 405, Forerunner 301XT and Edge 500. All the units allow loading of "courses". The 310XT and the 500 will display a map of the course. We plan routes with Bike Route Toaster and then download them to the GPS units although other websites have similar capabilities. I annotate the routes in Training Center. While I used to annotate with turns, I've ceased that as the map display of the course is so useful.

I rode our local Tour de Cure last weekend; I marked each rest stop on the course. As we left each rest stop, I informed the riders around me how far it was to the next rest stop as my watch gave that indication. Today, we did a 44 mile ride in rural Wisconsin. I marked the beginning of major climbs, the summits and the half-way point. As we cruised along the valley, I informed my fellow riders that we had a climb coming up which allowed everyone to be prepared.

I can see about 0.5 mile ahead with the course display. It does not show intersections but does show where the course takes a turn. The turn might be a turn in the road or it may be an intersection requiring turning from one road to another. A periodic flip of the wrist presents the map display and the route is clear, even for me, a rider who requires reading glasses.

I started many years ago with a handheld GPS mounted on the bars of my bike, a Garmin Vista first, then graduated to a Vista C. From the Vista C I went to the 405 and then the 310XT. The Edge 500 I mentioned is my wife's although I used it, early on, to understand how it should be set up. The 405, 310XT and the 500 also record heart rate in addition to the GPS data. Other accessories are available such as cadence and power meters but I have not used those. These three units, as I describe their use, are without wires on the bike. The heart rate data is wireless from a chest strap. The 405 and 310XT transfer to my home computer wirelessly.

I bring the bikes to my basement shop and hang them up; the watches get connected to wall wart chargers and transfer their data so when I finish up and head to my home office, upstairs, the data have been transferred, Garmin's Training Center has opened and the data are waiting on my monitor. The Edge 500 does not transfer data wirelessly, unfortunately, but requires a USB connection.

The fascinating part about course following with these GPS units is that we distribute our routes electronically and we feel less compelled to ensure everyone makes each turn. Riders who have GPS and who are either ahead or behind can simply follow the GPS route. Bike Route Toaster, like some other websites, will not only allow one to plan a route but also generates a turn list.

The GPS devices have become a regular part of our bike paraphernalia. For rural rides, they work where cell phone coverage is spotty or non-existent and they are resistant to water damage. The 310XT is even certified for use when swimming as its design targeted tri-athletes.

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2376. Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-14 14:51:07 UTC
From: w9ran
Topic: 2368 Message: 2376

Just for completeness, add the GPS-equipped smartphone to your list of options. I've used both Trackr http://www.trackr.eu/ and GPSed http://gpsed.com/ for several years and they both work well. If you have a suitable data plan and are in range of cellsites, you can enable real-time tracking, otherwise what I do is just log GPS data on the phone and upload it to the website after my ride. You can export data in GPX format for viewing in Google Earth, elevation profiling, or anything else you can do with GPS data. I don't use the real-time map display and appreciate being able to use the phone that I'd carry with me anyhow. Although you must have a suitable phone and data plan, the web-based services are free. I use the Windows Mobile version, but both support all major smartphones.

73, Bob W9RAN

2377. Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-14 16:01:40 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2368 Message: 2377

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2378. [BMHA] Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-14 16:59:52 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2368 Message: 2378

I like http://www.aprs/fi with it's real time updates and the ability to fine tune the display from between 12 hours of traffic to 15 minutes of traffic... I have used it instead of UIView when doing support for LOTOJA and other rides.

>>> AOX<w5aox@...> 6/14/2010 10:01 AM >>>

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2379. Re: KJ6CQC Bicycle Mobile Trans-America

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-15 05:21:16 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2351 Message: 2379

I have spent several days on the road now and I have some observations that might help folks get some responses when calling in to repeaters.
1. When you are making your call in to the repeater see if you can capture a little bit of road noise to be picked up. Too much will make your call unintelligable but if you can get a little bit of that doppler shift of a vehical going by it differentiates your call from all the others.

2. Have a real reason for the person to pick up the mike. My first QSO of the trip was when I entered florence and asked for advice where to get brekfast. Hams want to help. They may not feel the need to chat. Once you get your information request filled let them make the decision if they want to keep talking.

73s
Dean

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Dean McCollom <dmccollom@...> wrote:
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> Greetings,
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> My name is Dean McCollom KJ6CQC and I am active with the Santa Cruz County
> California ARES group.
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> I will be operating bicycle mobile on a trip from Florence Oregon to
> Yorktown Virginia. Il try to make as many QSOï¿½s with the locals as I can on
> the local 2m and 70cm repeaters. Additionally, I will be monitoring
> 146.520MHz. so Keep your eyes and ears open for me. I would be interested
> in hearing about and participating in any local two meter nets. If things
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> To learn more about my route please see:
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2380. Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-16 14:21:40 UTC
From: k3wkm
Topic: 2368 Message: 2380

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Has anyone taken this approach? I'd be very interested in opinions and results.

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Steve

2381. [BMHA] Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-16 19:44:47 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2368 Message: 2381

This is an approach that I have investigated for when I can afford to purchase a new radio for both myself and my wife's bikes... the problem is the size of the mic and mounting the radio, not to mention riding in bad weather days.

>>> k3wkm<evetsmd@...> 6/16/2010 8:21 AM >>>

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2382. Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-16 20:30:56 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2368 Message: 2382

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Date: 2010-06-16 21:25:39 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2368 Message: 2383

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Date: 2010-06-16 22:22:28 UTC
From: k3wkm
Topic: 2368 Message: 2384

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Date: 2010-06-17 00:09:23 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2368 Message: 2385

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-17 11:04:34 UTC
From: evetsmd
Topic: 2368 Message: 2386

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hopefully someone who has been doing it this way will check in and give us first hand input.

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2387. Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-21 12:47:17 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2368 Message: 2387

I have a VX8 (bought last fall so it's the older model that mounts GPS on the speaker mike or on the external mike jack). The APRS config supports APRS beacons and monitoring APRS traffic on 2M and simultaneous operation on any band the radio transmits on using the other VFO (as long as you have connected a suitable antenna for both bands). My normal use is with both bands set to 2M. I have not noticed any interference between the 2. (I am having a brain fade on this but believe the APRS beacon is delayed if you are transmitting on the other VFO).

The additional battery draw from the GPS and APRS beacon will reduce your battery life. A spare battery (good practice if you are providing comms support for an event anyway), or external power (if the weight/volume isn't an issue for you) fixes that problem.

I need to look into those b/t systems - wind noise is a problem with my cell phone b/t units. My current preference is a wired earpiece so I can hear any traffic clearly and I slow or stop if I need to transmit; I clip the speaker mike to the shifter cable. Works well enough...

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-21 16:07:47 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2368 Message: 2388

I have yet to hear about a reliable BlueTooth system either at home or on the road when used with a 2-way radio system.
My complaints with B/T include:
-The headpieces are nowadays only slightly smaller than the device they are wirelessly "connected" to.
-The audio is never entirely clear. There seems always to be some sort of digital buzz in the audio background, and the loss of fidelity compared to a wired microphone is objectionable to me.
My latest experiment in wired bicycle radio microphones seems to be working, with good audio reports even on windy days. I found this vendor via an Ebay search and the price and quality are good, and the headset/microphone system works very well. Take a look at the system and see what you think:
http://cgi.ebay.com/2-Pin-Motorcycle-Helmet-Headset-Kenwood-Radio-TH-D7-/220584814791?cmd=ViewItem&pt=2_Way_Radios_FRS&hash=item335be128c7
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The cost is 20 bucks and shipping to my QTH was 6 bucks.
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Jim W5AOX http://en.aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=m&z=11&timerange=10800

http://cgi.ebay.com/2-Pin-Motorcycle-Helmet-Headset-Kenwood-Radio-TH-D7-/220584814791?cmd=ViewItem&pt=2_Way_Radios_FRS&hash=item335be128c7

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2389. [BMHA] Re: APRS Tracking on Bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-21 21:34:38 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2368 Message: 2389

That headset is from one of the Klein Electronics companies product lines... It's the RiderComm Motorcycle Headset

http://www.headsetusa.com/ridercomm-trade-motorcycle-helmet-headset.html

which is another one of their modular systems... The price on Ebay is great, considering the whole modular system (headset, remote PTT button and radio interface cable) would come to around $120. I would ask if it was new in the box, but the last stuff I got from Klein wasn't in a box, it was in plastic (static free) bags. For noise reduction and clear reception I really like my Ghost earpiece... http://cgi.ebay.com/Ghost-Lite-Earpiece-Assorted-Radios-GhostLite-S1-/370296140773?cmd=ViewItem&pt=2_Way_Radios_FRS&hash=item56375eb3e5#ht_1384wt_991

>>> AOX<w5aox@...> 6/21/2010 10:07 AM >>>

I have yet to hear about a reliable BlueTooth system either at home or on the road when used with a 2-way radio system.
My complaints with B/T include:
-The headpieces are nowadays only slightly smaller than the device they are wirelessly "connected" to.
-The audio is never entirely clear. There seems always to be some sort of digital buzz in the audio background, and the loss of fidelity compared to a wired microphone is objectionable to me.
My latest experiment in wired bicycle radio microphones seems to be working, with good audio reports even on windy days. I found this vendor via an Ebay search and the price and quality are good, and the headset/microphone system works very well. Take a look at the system and see what you think:
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2390. BICYCLE MOBILE VIDEO

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-06-22 16:29:58 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2390 Message: 2390

Hello All,

A friend of mine who lives in Spain EA5/G0KOM (Adrian) uploaded a video
he made of a QSO between myself working from my bicycle on 20M and VK4SU
on the longpath.

Here is the link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol_VqJwbLgA
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol_VqJwbLgA>

73's ...

Dave, G4AKC

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2391. Re: VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-07-09 05:26:53 UTC
From: jrswenberger
Topic: 2288 Message: 2391

Thanks for the pictures. I'm just starting to get ideas in my head of my potential setup and you've already answered some of my questions.

73,
Jay K6JRS

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "ve3vgp" <ve3vgp@...> wrote:
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> http://www.flickr.com/photos/76937082@N00/sets/72157623814719986/
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2392. Antenna setup for bike commuting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-07-09 05:03:16 UTC
From: jrswenberger
Topic: 2392 Message: 2392

Hey All,
I'm looking to put a bicycle mobile rig together for my commute to work. I'll likely be using a 10 year-old Kenwood TH-G71 dual band HT mounted to the top of my handlebar bag.

My question revolves around the choices of antennas for repeater and local simplex operation. I have a friend that is really talented in metal fabrication so I'm thinking of mounting a custom bracket of his to the underside of the rear rack. This bracket will extend a few inches beyond the rack to allow for mounting a 2-3' threaded rod topped by an antenna mount.

I am wondering what type of antenna would give me a reasonable signal from a setup like this. Would it work better to have separate UHF and VHF antennas or a single, multi-band setup?

Thanks for thinking about this,
Jay K6JRS

2393. Re: VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-07-09 10:01:15 UTC
From: k3wkm
Topic: 2288 Message: 2393

Thank you for sharing your setup...very nice work....my only question is how do u get on and off the bike. Seems like the antenna would be in the way....seems to me some lay down feature for the antenna would be ideal.

73
K3WKM

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2394. Re: Antenna setup for bike commuting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-07-09 15:01:58 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2392 Message: 2394

I use fiberglass bicycle flagpoles, available at most Wal Marts for $3.00 or so, attach wire and welding rod to make it into a J pole.
See http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg for this easy to make, very effective antenna. Mine also work on 440 as is, not with an optimal pattern of course. But it does have a reasonable SWR on 440 so it functions as a whopper antenna on 2 and a usable one on 440. I used the J pole to check in with the 75 meter NM Breakfast Club this morning..... using the Kenwood TH-D7 on 444.150 thru the J pole to the local remote base of course.
The mount is easy... I just mount a 3 or 4 foot length of 1/2" fiberglass pipe to the back rails of the bike and drop the J pole into it when going for a ride.
See http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/W5AOX%20APRS%20BikeMobile.html for photos of my mountain bike configured this way (I also have a roadie DF and my recumbent configured likewise).
The usual dual-band Comet antenna mounted on a back plate works well too but costs more, doesn't contribute to your visibility, and the antenna pattern closely couples into your backside.
Getting on and off the bike..... almost any antenna (unless you put it on a LONG outrigger bracket) will force you to be careful getting on and off. I hoist my leg(s) over the middle between the seat and the handlebars; no more leisurely flinging the hind leg around the back of the seat.
W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=W5AOX-6&mt=roadmap&z=11&timerange=10800 track me on my recumbent...

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> Jay K6JRS
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2395. Ride and/or SAG opportunity

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-07-09 15:21:50 UTC
From: Mickey_Applebaum_KE7NZA
Topic: 2395 Message: 2395

Hello all,

On September 25th one of our local organizers is putting on a century ride in the Heber Valley area of Utah. The ride will generate funds for the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute. If you are interested in riding with your gear on your bike (there are 4 route distances, 100, 65, 50 and 25 with a Bi-Athalon option as well) we can get you signed up as a ride marshall. If you would like to help out in other ways, we could always use SAG and Shuttle drivers. More info on the ride is available at http://web.bike2bike.biz/Rides/HeberValleyCenturySept252010/tabid/111/Default.aspx

Thanks

Mickey
KE7NZA

2396. Re: {Some tags disabled} [BMHA] Re: VHF/UHF bicycle setup.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-07-10 02:38:10 UTC
From: Kelly Gray
Topic: 2288 Message: 2396

It took me a while to get used to getting on and off the bike. I get on the bike by swinging my leg over as usual, but keep my leg bent at the knee instead of stretching it out as you would usually do. Learning to do that cost me at least one broken whip from the repeated kicking and straightening of the antenna but I eventually learned. Now I do it without thinking, even if I don't have the antenna mounted.

73
VE3VGP

On 09/07/2010 6:01 AM, k3wkm wrote:
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2397. Antenna for sale

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-07-29 05:42:10 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 2397 Message: 2397

For sale: Larsen OM150CK.This is a no ground plane, end fed, permanently attached cable, Two Meter antenna.Black base, stainless whip.I originally bought this antenna for bike mobile, and I did use it on the bike a few times, but it spent more time on the roof of my truck.I'll include the modified clamp on mirror mounting bracket I used.This antenna sells for $70.00 new, from AES.Asking $30+ shipping.If interested, reply direct, off list.

73,
Al
KJ5GT
Albuquerque, NM

2398. Austin Summerfest

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-07-31 22:52:34 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2398 Message: 2398

A hamfest will occur in Austin, Texas this coming weeked--August 7 and 8 2010. Details are at the followign website.

http://www.austinsummerfest.org/10flyer-Rev03.pdf

72 de Scott/n7net/qrp

2399. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-08-03 16:46:04 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 2399

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /Bike Mobile II p16_17_RadComJuly10.pdf
Uploaded by : g4akc_mobile <davidandtracy@...>
Description : HF bicycle mobile RSGB RADCOM July 2010

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/Bike%20Mobile%20II%20p16_17_RadComJuly10.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/forms/general.htmlfiles

Regards,

g4akc_mobile <davidandtracy@...>

2400. Experienced Burley Tandem For Sale

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-08-31 14:39:50 UTC
From: pitchingfork
Topic: 2400 Message: 2400

Details and photo on request.

73 de Scott/n7net

2401. A Query

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-16 18:04:42 UTC
From: pitchingfork
Topic: 2401 Message: 2401

At the McKinney ARC September meeting we enjoyed a QSL Card Show and Tell. It was a lot of fun and very interesting. Some of them could have qualified as historical documents. One was issued from the time when 11-meters was still an amateur frequency.

Is anyone interested in doing a similar thing on this BMHA reflector since an eyeball meeting would be impossible for most of us? Of course it would have to be radio and mobile/portable bicycle/tricycle related to be of interest to this group. The creative artwork, in my opinion, are less important than a verbal description of the folks and the conditions when a certain QSL was earned.

Perhaps the newsletter editor would be intersted in devoting a page to QSLs when it comes time for another issue?

73 de Scott/n7net

2402. New Purchase

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-29 20:12:12 UTC
From: pitchingfork
Topic: 2402 Message: 2402

In August I purchased a new trike. VHF operation is simplified. In order to have a counterpoise I've installed a trailer hitch, but have yet to try 20- or 40-meters with it.

Scott

2403. Re: New Purchase

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 13:08:26 UTC
From: syh_phil
Topic: 2402 Message: 2403

Scott,

Could we see pictures of the new trike and the hitch installation?

Thanks, Phil.

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> Scott
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2404. KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 20:41:49 UTC
From: paulgates80
Topic: 2404 Message: 2404

Anybody got a KX1 installed on your bike?

2405. Re: [BMHA] KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 21:50:26 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 2404 Message: 2405

What is a KX1 and why would I want one?

73 de AC7EW
Kelly

On 9/30/2010 1:41 PM, paulgates80 wrote:
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2406. My Sun X3 Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 21:57:27 UTC
From: pitchingfork
Topic: 2406 Message: 2406

I've added two photos to N7NET's Stuff album.

I chose the X3 because I felt I was a bit more visible.

Fifteen years ago I bought a Bike Friday Tandem Two'sDay and trailer frame from Green Gear in Eugene, Oregon. I've towed the trailer with the Two'sDay, Burley Samba, Bike Friday New World Tourist, Cannondale and now the trike. The trailer frame and Bike Friday provides the counter poise for 20-meters. I'm hoping it will provide enough for 40-meters.

The hitch itself is an air chuck. In order to attach it to the trike I used an inch dowel rod cut to accomidate two existing vertical tabs. How well it performs is forth coming.

Scott/n7net

2407. Re: KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 22:01:48 UTC
From: pitchingfork
Topic: 2404 Message: 2407

A KX1 is a very portable CW QRP transceiver offered by Elecraft. You might not want one, but I do.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2408. Re: KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 22:19:39 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2404 Message: 2408

You must have just fallen off a distant planet not to know about Elecraft and KX1 etc. Elecraft is the modern day version of Heathkit except their products and prices are top tier. Few own Elecrafts but most would like to...
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2409. KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 22:52:48 UTC
From: VE3JC John Cumming
Topic: 2404 Message: 2409

I would suggest that neither the KX1 (which I don't own) nor the K1 (which I do own) are good choices for bicycle mobile because it is not possible to lock the dial. With normal vibration encountered in bicycle mobile operation, the inevitable frequency changes would be intolerable. With the K2, on the other hand, you can lock the frequency (and of course enjoy ssb bike mobile as well).

73, John VE3JC

ps I'd be delighted if someone proved me wrong with respect to the K1 !

2410. Re: [BMHA] Re: KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 22:53:09 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 2404 Message: 2410

I know about Elecraft but had not heard of the KX1. Of course, I believe in the adage "Life is too short for QRP." so I don't pay attention to QRP rigs. I also don't operate HF mobile. I want VHF/UHF on my bike but not HF. I'm not trying to tell anyone else their operating preferences are wrong, just letting you know what mine are. I also think amps are way over rated.

73 de AC7EW
Kelly

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2411. Re: KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-09-30 23:12:15 UTC
From: pitchingfork
Topic: 2404 Message: 2411

Kelly,

You might be surprised how far a single watt will reach.

72 de Scott/n7net/QRPp

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2412. intro-ish

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-01 03:47:31 UTC
From: JP
Topic: 2412 Message: 2412

Hello.

I've done bike mobile with my ht. The rig - v1 - that I created for my Burley trailer is in the N3TOP-Jeff folder.

This was created for my support of the MS Challenge walk.

Many small changes remain. Including actually putting a larger radio and real antennas. Also will change the PVC to 1" and some angles to get a level platform. The Yellow discos had crummy lamps so those will be replaced with LEDs.

I hope to have the system really ready for multiple events next year. Maybe even some marathons, including the Marine Corps Marathon.

Jeff

2413. Re: intro-ish

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-01 04:47:40 UTC
From: pitchingfork
Topic: 2412 Message: 2413

Jeff,

These bicyclde mobile projects are always a work in progress. The PVC you mention, how does it fit in?

Larger radios require larger batteries which is more weight. For some folks that's not an issue.

In the AES catalog Lakeview company used to sell a 2m half wave antenna. I don't have a catalog at the moment.

Please include your call when you post.

73 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "JP" <jeff.poretsky@...> wrote:
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> Jeff
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2414. Re: [BMHA] Re: intro-ish

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-01 11:55:15 UTC
From: Jeff Poretsky
Topic: 2412 Message: 2414

Scott,

The PVC as currently designed holds the mag mount antenna and 2 yellow
spinning 'caution' lights. It bolts to the frame of the trailer.

My call was in the post, just not distinct.

73
Jeff N3TOP

On Fri, Oct 1, 2010 at 12:47 AM, pitchingfork <pitchingfork@...>wrote:

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political, or non-profit organizations.

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2415. Re: [BMHA] Re: intro-ish

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-01 13:57:13 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2412 Message: 2415

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Sent: Fri, October 1, 2010 6:55:15 AM
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-01 14:02:56 UTC
From: Jeff Poretsky
Topic: 2412 Message: 2416

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Date: 2010-10-01 14:20:28 UTC
From: Albert Furlow
Topic: 2412 Message: 2417

Jeff,

Have you tried a coaxial type 1/2 wave antenna?

I run a recumbent with a 1/2 wave coaxial antenna taped to a old fishing pole. It sits up over 6 feet height and gets me out with my VX-8 voice and APRS.

I wrapped it with yellow tape for visibility , and I also have a hustler antenna for HF, that's for my FT-817.

No amps, a gell cell in an old ammo can. I'll post pics soon.

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From: Jeff Poretsky <jeff.poretsky@...>
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Sent: Fri, October 1, 2010 10:02:56 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: intro-ish

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2418. Re: [BMHA] KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-01 20:18:53 UTC
From: Mark J Dulcey
Topic: 2404 Message: 2418

On 9/30/2010 6:52 PM, VE3JC John Cumming wrote:
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> I would suggest that neither the KX1 (which I don't own) nor the K1
> (which I do own) are good choices for bicycle mobile because it is not
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> intolerable. With the K2, on the other hand, you can lock the frequency
> (and of course enjoy ssb bike mobile as well).

Although the KX1 has no dial lock, it would be a fairly simple mod for an owner to add. The KX1 uses a DDS synthesizer and an optical encoder; all you would have to do to implement dial lock would be to disable the outputs from the encoder.

The K1 uses a VFO, so there would be no simple way to add dial lock to that radio.

2419. Re: [BMHA] KX1

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-02 12:49:55 UTC
From: Paul Gates
Topic: 2404 Message: 2419

I do not have the KX1 on my bike. I use it mainly going to Parks in the area here ... Go to National Park... Ft. McHenry a lot but was curious if anyone had tried the kX1 ON a bike.
Paul, KD3JF

From: VE3JC John Cumming <jbcumming@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, September 30, 2010 6:52:48 PM
Subject: [BMHA] KX1

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ps I'd be delighted if someone proved me wrong with respect to the K1 !

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2420. Shameless Bribe for BMHA Newsletter Articles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-07 16:34:37 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2420 Message: 2420

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2421. Longbikes Slipstream Long Wheelbase Recumbent ordered

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-07 16:54:47 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2421 Message: 2421

As some of you may know, I am a recumbent rider. Although I do have a mountain bike, I ride a recumbent nearly all of the time. Some have said that a true recumbent rider will have a short wheelbase, long wheelbase and a trike. I have all now with the new purchase. Since I like to tour at times I wanted a good strong one that would give some options to tour and mount HF or VHF antenna and radio. After doing hours and days of internet research I settled on the Longbikes Slipstream made in Englewood, CO. The Slipstream is the successor of the Ryan Vanguard which Longbikes purchased the manufacturing rights several years ago. Last weekend I made a trip to the Englewood factory for a test ride of the Slipstream. Greg Peek is the manufacturer and he allowed me to ride one of his original Slipstreams made in 2002. I have placed several pictures in the Photos section of this bike and you can see just the bike itself and old ugly heavy me on it in another picture. After about a 25 mile test ride I determined this is the bike for me. One is on order for delivery in May 2011. Greg is a true craftsman and is going to make a mount for me. If you look at the frame tube that comes up behind the seat at about a 45 degree angle, he is going to extend it up to about seat height. It will allow a Diamond mount that can be adjusted for several angles and can mount a hamstick, VHF antenna or it should be strong enough to mount a Little Tarheel II for HF. This should give me lot's of options for antenna mount's. On the front where a water bottle mount is normally, he put's 3 holes and I should be able to mount a plate with radio, an HT or possible a FT-817.

I already have a trip planned next year so now I have to get everything ready during the winter and earn enough to complete the purchase.

For any looking at a long wheelbase recumbent, I would surely recommend the Longbikes Slipstream.

Mike, NF0N

2422. Re: [BMHA] Shameless Bribe for BMHA Newsletter Articles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-07 17:37:58 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2420 Message: 2422

Hi Mike,

A couple months back my local radio club, McKinney ARC, proposed a QSL Show and Tell night. Not everyone participated in the showing, but there was an overflow crowd of lookers. In my opinion the program was successful enough for a repeat performance.

I posted a similar suggestion that the editor might wish to compose a page of QSLs for the forthcoming newsletter. Not everyone finds joy in stringing words together, but almost anyone would find some pleasure in boasting about his/her favorite QSL with a short description of how and when it was earned.

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From: Mike <nf0n@arrl.net>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, October 7, 2010 11:34:37 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Shameless Bribe for BMHA Newsletter Articles

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2423. Re: [BMHA] Shameless Bribe for BMHA Newsletter Articles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-14 17:21:03 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2420 Message: 2423

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2424. Re: Shameless Bribe for BMHA Newsletter Articles

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-15 15:32:18 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2420 Message: 2424

Scott,

That's a great idea. Any who have QSL's they would like to see in the newsletter please send a picture or file to Norm, n9zks@... or myself at nf0n@...

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Date: 2010-10-15 15:34:29 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2420 Message: 2425

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2426. Re: KJ6CQC Bicycle Mobile Trans-America

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-17 21:25:30 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2351 Message: 2426

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2427. Re: [BMHA] Re: KJ6CQC Bicycle Mobile Trans-America

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-18 08:11:26 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2351 Message: 2427

Dean,

Nice to see your still on the trip and almost done. Also, nice to see that you also have the SPOT along with ya as well. Hope its working out well for ya.

Jeff
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Eugene, Or.

----- Original Message -----
From: stegnography
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2428. BM newbie: questions & my setup so far

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-25 19:02:31 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2428 Message: 2428

Hi Bicycle Mobilers,

This morning, I took my first bicycle mobile ride. It was fun, though didn't perform quite as well as I had hoped. I'd like to tell you what I've got, and see what suggestions people may have. If this is too long, tell me and I'll send a more concise version ;-)

I typically ride from home to work, a distance of about 10 miles each way. 3 of those miles are on sand, gravel, or dirt roads. The remaining parts are on 2-lane paved roads, and the final mile or so is in a small town.

I ride up to 4 days a week, and of the ride, all except 10 minutes will be available for radio work (those 10 minutes have me in a ravine that cuts out signals even on my car or cellphone).

My goals with this project are these, in general order of importance:

1) To be able to reliably hit the three repeaters I care about:
* a 2m at a distance of 15mi
* a 2m at a distance of 30mi
* a 70cm at a distance of 20mi

for mainly ragchewing with locals.

2) To keep my initial setup as simple and inexpensive as possible

3) To be able to use in a temperature range of 10F to 110F, and during rain when temps are above 50F. Wind tolerance must be at least 40MPH. (I live in Kansas!)

4) The setup shouldn't impair my personal safety

5) Impact on my cycling speed should be minimal

6) Listen to FM radio when there is no traffic on the repeaters

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2429. Re: BM newbie: questions & my setup so far

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-25 22:28:31 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2428 Message: 2429

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My mike looks a lot like yours but has the foam sock on it, and I rarely get wind noise complaints any more.
Here's a link to my favorite headset, and the mfr makes them for Yaesu as well:
http://cgi.ebay.com/2-Pin-Motorcycle-Helmet-Headset-Kenwood-Radio-TH-D7-/220584814791?pt=2_Way_Radios_FRS&hash=item335be128c7

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Remember the basic laws of ham physics apply to bikes and cars as well as home stations:
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2430. Re: [BMHA] BM newbie: questions & my setup so far

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-25 22:49:26 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2428 Message: 2430

I love my Klein Electronics Ghost headset... it uses an in the ear bone conductive microphone so there is 0 (yes, ZERO) wind noise.

>>> John Goerzen<jgoerzen@...> 10/25/2010 1:02 PM >>>

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2431. Re: [BMHA] BM newbie: questions & my setup so far

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-25 22:54:47 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2428 Message: 2431

Oops.. forgot a link... You'll need to get the specific radio jack to go with the headset... but this is the idea.

>>> John Goerzen<jgoerzen@...> 10/25/2010 1:02 PM >>>

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2432. Re: [BMHA] BM newbie: questions & my setup so far

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-25 22:55:03 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2428 Message: 2432

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http://www.twacomm.com/catalog/model_GHOST-LITE.htm

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2433. Re: [BMHA] BM newbie: questions & my setup so far

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-25 23:26:07 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2428 Message: 2433

On 10/25/2010 05:55 PM, Mickey Applebaum wrote:
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That sounds like a great device, but it looks like they don't have it in
a Yaesu version, which is a bummer!

-- John

2434. Re: [BMHA] Re: BM newbie: questions & my setup so far

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-26 02:26:47 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2428 Message: 2434

On 10/25/2010 05:28 PM, AOX wrote:
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Are you saying that it would be completely hollow inside (a hole at either end), or hollow only on the mic side? If the latter, wouldn't that muffle desired audio significantly?

I have some cheapo foam earbud covers that I'm thinking of cutting up and reusing for this.

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Interesting. I'd be interested in how you build that Jpole, and how to attach such an extension pole to the bike. Would this be something I could buy off the shelf or would I have to craft it myself? I am a bit worried about increased wind resistance and the resulting torque on my bike rack, which is not really built for that sort of thing.

But I must say, that DOES sound promising, and seems reinforced by my experience this afternoon. I had the repeater at my back and they heard me well. I turned a corner that implied no change in terrain and it got much worse. (Now that I think of it, maybe there was a power line there. Hm.) I wonder if my back actually served to reflect part of the signal.

-- John

2435. Re: BM newbie: questions & my setup so far

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-27 00:51:34 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2428 Message: 2435

Nice setup, John.

I've done some bike mobile from my road bike (comms support for a century) and my commuter (Bianchi Castro valley, it's a steel cross style frame). I've posted a few time shere on my setup, and have photos of it (don't recall if the 2010 century mobile version is in there or not...nope, not yet!)

Radio Mount - I've become a HUGE fan of the RAM mounts system. Check message #2332 (and the surrounding thread) - I'm using a Radio: RAM-HOL-BC1 RAM Mount Universal Belt Clip Bar Holder and Handlebar/Stem: RAP-274-1-BC1U RAM Mount Universal Belt Clip Bar Bike Mount with a VX8 and a VX5, liked it so much I bought a set for each bike.

If you check the photos for my album (KS1G...), the very last picture shows the VX8 in the RAM mount on my commuter.

Antenna - you've found that bigger is better already. I have the Larsen 2M 1/2 wave NMO on my road bike - I fashioned a mount I can bolt to the back of a behind the seat water bottle cage. The photo album shows the 2009 APRS-only version. For 2010, I had the APRS tracker on one side and the 2m whip for voice on the other (the tracker worked better than the VX8's internal APRS system).

My other antenna of choice is a jpole on a fiberglass bike flag (see the 1st 2 photos in the album).

30 miles may simply be too far for 5W with a compromise antenna, or just lack of a ground plane, however. I have problems with either antenna at 5 w when I am much closer than 30 miles (terrain may be a factor for me, too). When you are in a car, can you hit the repeater reliably from 30 miles at 5W? You may have to accept the poorer S/N, or get one of the 25-30W "HT amps" and a small battery pack and run it only when you need it.

I have gone through several Pryme mikes (400-series); the earpiece did not stay put, wind noise, or a wire got caught, ... For wired boom headsets, I found a cheaper one (and can't find the link now - might be in one of my older posts...yep, McKay C1LHS, see msg #2097) - looks like they make a version for the VX7:
http://www.mckayproducts.com/store/Channel%20One%20Lightweight-Headsets.htm - C1LHS-V5
It's more rugged than the Pryme and cheaper. I zip-tie or clip the PTT to the handlebars near the right brifter for ease of access and safety. Just remember to take off the heaset when you dismount!

Hope this helps. Ride safe, have fun!
73 Steve KS1G

2436. Re: KJ6CQC Bicycle Mobile Trans-America

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-28 20:55:16 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2351 Message: 2436

I am in Virginia now. If anyone in the Richmond area would like to host me It is going to get harder to camp as I get closer to the finish.
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2437. Re: [BMHA] Re: KJ6CQC Bicycle Mobile Trans-America

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-29 12:18:51 UTC
From: Albert Furlow
Topic: 2351 Message: 2437

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-29 19:55:00 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2351 Message: 2438

Albert,

Dean is the one making the Trans-America trip, I'm still here in Oregon. He is getting toward the eastern seaboard, where it will almost be impossible for him to camp, but, he's looking for ham's that would be willing to host him as he makes his way to his final resting place of the trip.

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> Jeff
> KE7OUR
> Eugene, Or.
>
>
> ----- Original Message -----

> From: stegnography
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2010 2:25 PM
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: KJ6CQC Bicycle Mobile Trans-America
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>
>
> Hi Folks,
> I just wanted to give you an update and tell you I am less than 750 miles to
>the completion. If you would like to track my progress go to Lemonademagnate.com
>password is lemon.
>
> If you live along the Transamerica in Kentucky or Virginia and would be
>willing to put me up for a day or two I would be grateful.
>
> Dean
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> > >
> > > To learn more about my route please see:
> > >
> > > http://www.adventurecycling.org/routes/transamerica.cfm
> > >
> > > To learn more about me please see my trip journal at:
> > >
> > > http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/LemonadeMagnate
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> > >
> > > I hope to hear you on the air.
> > >
> > > 73s
> > >
> > > Dean McCollom
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> > > --
> > > Dean McCollom
> > > Cell 831-239-4118
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2439. KJ6CQC's route to Yorktown.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-10-30 13:08:04 UTC
From: Dean McCollom
Topic: 2439 Message: 2439

Folks,
Sorry I wasn't more specific on my route.
I did not have my final map broken out.
Here are the cities I pass through.
Waynsboro
Charlottsville
Mineral
Ashland,
Mechanicsville
Richmond
I finish at the yorktown battle monument.
My progress can be followed at:
WWW.LEMONADEMAGNATE.COM
password is lemon

If you are available to host me please call my cell or send an email to me at. Dmccollom...at...gmail...dot...com

I will be riding the last eighty miles with my father following in his truck. I may use a local repeater for tactical comms but likely will revert to 146.52 so if you here me. Say hi. I don't know when I will finish but if you want to meet me on the route or at the end you are welcome.

Dean. kj6cqc

Sent from my Android.
Dean McCollom
831.239.4118

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2440. A Cycling Expedition from Denmark to Sydney

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-09 22:22:35 UTC
From: Thomas Andersen
Topic: 2440 Message: 2440

Hello BMHA,

My name is Thomas and the call is OZ1AA. I was introduced to BMHA by NF0N a couple of weeks ago. Very happy to see that such a group exists!

I think it is safe to say that I'm crazy about cycling and crazy about ham radio. In the beginning of October I set out on a cycling expedition from Denmark to Australia.

I'm trying to update my website with a short story from every day of the trip. You are welcome to have a look at:

http://www.cyclingtheglobe.com

After 40 days on the road I have now crossed Eastern Europe and have reached Bulgaria. Within a couple of days I will be entering Turkey.

Even though I am not carrying any radio equipment at the moment, I am certainly planning on meeting hams along the way. So far I have had some very nice encounters with hams in Poland, Romania and Bulgaria. As a matter of fact I'm just returning from a great dinner with LZ3YY, LZ3CB, LZ5QZ and LZ1QZ - all local hams of Burgas, the city I'm staying in at the moment. Isn't it a wonderful thought that you can meet people almost everywhere on the planet who share the same passion for ham radio.

I am considering to add a small HF transceiver like the FT-857D to my setup. Does any of you have experience with this radio? Also, as my budget is limited, I would love to hear if any of you have suggestions about applying for some sponsorship for such a radio? Perhaps some ideas about who to contact and how to do it?

I will be getting back with more updates as the adventure continues!

73 from sunny but windy Bulgaria!

Thomas, OZ1AA

2441. Re: A Cycling Expedition from Denmark to Sydney

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-09 23:31:38 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2440 Message: 2441

Thomas,
In my wish, you would be operating an automatic APRS tracker on your bike. It would make it very easy to keep up with your travels, as well as seeing (of course) the hundreds of miles you'd encounter with no aprs coverage. Even though I don't talk that much on my bicycle mounted radio(s), I can't imagine going more than a few miles without them. They might, of course, complicate your border crossings, especially in paranoid places like Iran...
W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/?call=w5aox-6&mt=roadmap&z=11&timerange=3600 bike-APRS tracker

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> Thomas, OZ1AA
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2442. Re: KJ6CQC's route to Yorktown.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-10 15:13:30 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2439 Message: 2442

Folks,
I finished my ride on Thursday, November fourth. Thanks to all of you who contacted me and thanks For the QSOs.
73s
Dean KJ6CQC

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2443. Re: [BMHA] Re: KJ6CQC's route to Yorktown.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-10 21:24:14 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2439 Message: 2443

Dean,

Now, that you have finished your transAmerica ride, what is due for you next? Back to Calif or staying on the east coast? Congratulations on a fine and dandy trip.

Jeff
KE7OUR
----- Original Message -----
From: stegnography
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 7:13 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: KJ6CQC's route to Yorktown.

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2444. Riding wearing ARRL ARES vests

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-11 03:16:06 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2444 Message: 2444

I noticed the high-viz yellow Amateur Radio Emergency Communications vests (mesh & solid) at the ARRL site (http://www.arrl.org/shop/ARES-Deployment-Vest-Mesh/).

Anyone have one and can comment on how well they fit over a bike jersey and stay put while riding? How breathable is the mesh version? I'm thinking of ways to be more easily identifiable (besides the flagpole and water bottle mount antennas and HT on the handlebars) when doing ride support comms.

73, de Steve, KS1G

2445. Re: [BMHA] Riding wearing ARRL ARES vests

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-11 06:02:38 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2444 Message: 2445

Steve -

I have seen these vests before and I know a few hams that have gotten them, they are nice and bright, personally, I've never worn worn one of the ARRL vests, but, have a Blue EMT vest with a star of life patch on the vest it works well for such events, even tho its blue and have 3m scothlite tape strips on the vest and can be seen for miles. I had bought mine off ebay a few years ago and still use this vest for radio support as well as for when I'm on the fire dept., as well.

73s's,

Jeff
KE7OUR

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2446. Re: [BMHA] Riding wearing ARRL ARES vests

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-11 18:05:58 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2444 Message: 2446

Personally, I like the Amphipod Xinglet that I got earlier this year for riding and for when I am supporting an event ride. It's the reflective 360 degree bands that can be put over any shirt or jacket. I've seen them as low as $20 on line.

http://www.amphipod.com/products/visibility/reflective-vests/xinglet

>>> BrassRat77<ks1g04@...> 11/10/2010 8:16 PM >>>

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73, de Steve, KS1G

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2447. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Speaker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-16 02:52:46 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2447 Message: 2447

Although I haven't heard from the Dayton Hamvention, I anticipate BMHA will be granted a forum in 2011. Anyone who is interested in being a speaker or presenter, please contact me. If the stipend is the same as prior years, it will be a Hamvention pass and great parking space right next to the South entrance. The speaker pass allows you to gain entrance into the main exhibit halls an hour earlier than the general public, that in itself can be valuable if you like to visit with the big guys at the booths.

If I get too many speakers I will have to draw straws although that has not happened in past years !

73-Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2448. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Speaker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-16 05:24:21 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2447 Message: 2448

On 11/15/2010 8:52 PM, Mike wrote:
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> not happened in past years !

I would like to talk to the captive audience about two of our hobbies
Bicycling and Ham radio as they give us the opportunity to be merit
badge counselors to the scouts of America. I could even bring a few
pictures of both the National Jamboree and the local Camporee at which
we operated demonstration stations showing amateur radio including
Bicycle Mobile.
Another way to possibly bring some new members into amateur radio.
I will probably be at the Scout Booth in the ARRL area again this year also.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
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- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2449. Re: Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Speaker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-11-19 16:53:33 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2447 Message: 2449

I have you down Norm, that is a great topic and should be interesting to all.

Any more volunteers for speaker?

Mike, NF0N
--- In BMHA@...m, Norm Huber <n9zks@...> wrote:
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2450. BMHA on Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-03 23:57:17 UTC
From: Bill V WA7NWP
Topic: 2450 Message: 2450

Howdy!

I had an opportunity to share about Amateur Radio and bicycling yesterday to an active touring couple on Facebook. Prior to giving them the bmha web link I searched on Facebook and didn't find anything. Did I need to search harder or is there nothing on Facebook yet?

73
Bill - WA7NWP

2451. Re: BMHA on Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-04 14:43:55 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 2450 Message: 2451

Good idea Bill. With the popularity of Facebook, it only makes since to have a presence.

If others agree, I could look in to creating an account. But if someone wants to set it up, please do.

I am certainly not a Facebook guru.

My wife and I find it a good way to keep up with what our children and grandchildren are doing.

Plus more and more organizations that interest us are showing up on Facebook

Lynn - KB3FN.

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2452. Re: BMHA on Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-04 15:59:08 UTC
From: T.O.M.Bent
Topic: 2450 Message: 2452

Bill, I agree. It would be good to have a Facebook account.
Facebook is becoming (if not already) a well used format for information.

Lynn - KB3FN

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> Facebook yet?
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> 73
> Bill - WA7NWP
>

2453. BMHA on Facebook Good Idea

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-04 16:58:15 UTC
From: T.O.M.Bent
Topic: 2453 Message: 2453

I like Biil's thinking. BMHA should have a site on Facebook.
Facebook sure is becoming a very popular form of communicationing ideas.
I am not a pro at Facebook, but if no one else wants to set up an account, I would be glad to give it a shot.

Lynn - KB3FN

2454. Re: BMHA on Facebook Good Idea

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-05 12:11:06 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 2453 Message: 2454

Sorry Guys for the multi-posting. Yahoo was not updating.

Lynn - KB3FN

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2455. BMHA On Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-05 12:29:39 UTC
From: KB3FN
Topic: 2455 Message: 2455

I think I have been able to setup a BMHA "group" on Facebook.
Do a search for BHMA when in Facebood. Pse join the group as well.
Lynn - KB3FN

2456. Re: BMHA On Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-05 17:33:48 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2455 Message: 2456

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Thanks for doing this. It is a good idea.

However, my Facebook search for "BMHA" comes up with three group-hits, none with any description.

- Skip AA6WK
(BMHA-Webmaster@...)

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "KB3FN" <lwdehart@...> wrote:
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2457. Re: [BMHA] Re: BMHA On Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-05 19:37:59 UTC
From: KD5LWU Johnny Be Quick Computer Repair
Topic: 2455 Message: 2457

I searched and could not find it....could you go to the facebook you created and copy paste the URL? Thanks Johnny

On 12/5/2010 10:33 AM, Skip wrote:
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2458. Re: [BMHA] Re: BMHA On Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-05 19:38:46 UTC
From: scott laughlin
Topic: 2455 Message: 2458

I, too, came up with nothing on Facebook.

de Scott/n7net
 72/73 de Scott/n7net/QRP

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/qnc/
http://www.qsl.net/n7net/

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From: Skip <BMHA-Webmaster@LaFetra.com>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sun, December 5, 2010 11:33:48 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: BMHA On Facebook

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2459. Re: BMHA On Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-06 11:55:50 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 2455 Message: 2459

I wonder if Facebook needed time to refresh and start publishing?

I couple of guys :joined: the group yester day in the evening (here on the east coast).

Please try a search agn and if there is no luck pse let me know.

Here is the url:
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/home.php?sk=group_158845360826987

Lynn - KB3FN

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2460. Re: [BMHA] Re: BMHA On Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-06 13:25:56 UTC
From: Dan Pope
Topic: 2455 Message: 2460

Initially I did not find it when searching for "BMHA" but did find it when searching "Bicycle Mobile Hams of America" ~Dan N8ZP

--- On Mon, 12/6/10, Lynn DeHart <lwdehart@...> wrote:

From: Lynn DeHart <lwdehart@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: BMHA On Facebook
To: BMHA@...m
Date: Monday, December 6, 2010, 6:55 AM

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Lynn - KB3FN

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2461. Twas the Night Before Christmas -- Ham Radio Style

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-08 00:37:42 UTC
From: N8SUZ
Topic: 2461 Message: 2461

Great link!
Christmas 73
Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ

http://www.arvideonews.com/

2462. A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-17 14:44:58 UTC
From: tucker.stevens44
Topic: 2462 Message: 2462

Hello group,
I am a bicyclist without a car who is planning on taking a good ride next summer to see the country and visit friends and relatives. I also have been interested in Ham Radio for years but have never gotten around to getting a licence or equipment. I was talking to my dad and he said I should be a ham operator from my bicycle on this trip. So I googled it and came up with some stuff including this group. My questions are, what equipment would you all suggest for a bicycle ham operator with a limited budget and can make things, and is there anyone on here from around Buffalo NY I could get together with and talk to.
Thanks
Tucker

2463. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-17 18:12:11 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2462 Message: 2463

A lot depends on what you want to accomplish with the radio while on the trip.

An inexpensive way to get started is to get a 2 meter handheld (with a couple of extra batteries and a quick charger) with a decent antenna and carry a copy of the ARRL repeater guide. This will allow you to connect with locals as you ride through their area as well as be able to connect to IRLP or Echo Link nodes if you want to make longer distance connections. The extra batteries come in handy for keeping the radio on all day while riding (my wife uses our Icom D90A on her bike when she does her century and event rides, like the Tour de Cure and Bike MS and two batteries allows her to keep the radio on for 12 or more hours) and the quick charger recharges the batteries in a couple of hours each. Also, with running 2 meter or 70 centimeter you'll only need to get your Technician license to start with.

>>> tucker.stevens44<tucker.stevens09@...> 12/17/2010 7:44 AM >>>

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Thanks
Tucker

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2464. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-18 20:47:27 UTC
From: Tucker Stevens
Topic: 2462 Message: 2464

Thanks for the reply. What material would you recommend for studying for the exam. I was looking at purchasing the Ham Radio License Manual Revised 2nd Edition sold by ARRL but was open to a cheaper or better options. The local library has the book which covers up the 2010. How much of a problem is it to use a slightly outdated book?

Is there a good handheld radio that you would suggest?

Tucker

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2465. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-18 21:58:02 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2462 Message: 2465

How much experience do you have with electronics, radio and computers? If you have a decent level of experience working with these things then you probably have enough knowledge to get your technician license without too much study.

I, personally, am a classroom type person, self study doesn't work well for me with some things. Check your local HAM clubs to see if/when they are offering classes. In most cases the classes are free (the first class I took was at a Jr. College and we had to pay the school's management fees but the course itself was free) other than the materials you use.

Once I got ready to take the test I started doing the practice tests on qrz.com (http://www.qrz.com/p/testing.pl)

The choice of a radio is a relatively personal thing... I really like our Icom D90a but I'd love to get one of the new Yaseu VX8GR so that when my wife is riding her bike I can track her while doing SAG... but $350 for a handheld is a bit more than most folks would want to spend on a first radio...

Alinco has a decent 2 Meter handheld for under $90 (http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/ht/4175.html) and it has a high capacity add on battery available as well as a bunch of mic/earphone options and programming cable/software options...

>>> Tucker Stevens<tucker.stevens09@...> 12/18/2010 1:47 PM >>>

Thanks for the reply. What material would you recommend for studying
for the exam. I was looking at purchasing the Ham Radio License Manual
Revised 2nd Edition sold by ARRL but was open to a cheaper or better
options. The local library has the book which covers up the 2010. How
much of a problem is it to use a slightly outdated book?

Is there a good handheld radio that you would suggest?

Tucker

On 12/17/10, Mickey Applebaum <ke7nza@...> wrote:
> A lot depends on what you want to accomplish with the radio while on the
> trip.
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> An inexpensive way to get started is to get a 2 meter handheld (with a
> couple of extra batteries and a quick charger) with a decent antenna and
> carry a copy of the ARRL repeater guide. This will allow you to connect
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2466. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-19 14:54:01 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2462 Message: 2466

On Fri, Dec 17, 2010 at 02:44:58PM -0000, tucker.stevens44 wrote:
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First of all, as far as getting your license is concerned, I have put
some tips up on my wiki at:

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I passed my tech and general back in July, and my Extra this fall, so
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That page also has some of the notes I collected prior to joining this
group, and links to some other websites I found.

These are mostly from this thread:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/message/2428

I've been doing it a little bit now, and have the following feedback
to offer:

* 5W with a simple antenna can do amazingly well reaching about 40
miles away in flat areas of Kansas.

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are too many cables to connect/disconnect when I get on/off, and it

hurts my ear after being on it for awhile.

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Hope this helps,

-- John

2467. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-21 20:51:28 UTC
From: Tucker Stevens
Topic: 2462 Message: 2467

Thanks guys. Any info is good cause I just started getting serious about ham radio very recently and know almost nothing about radios, antennas and such. I do know a bit about electricity though and can pass those practice Technician exams with guessing on frequency and FCC stuff, which I don't have a clue about. I try to get a study book soon and learn what I am lacking in.
Thanks again and take care,
Tucker

On 12/19/10, John Goerzen <jgoerzen@...> wrote:
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2468. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-23 13:44:34 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 2462 Message: 2468

Tucker,

I forgot one that I am using to help train myself for the General class on line and it tracks your score as you go also:
http://hamexam.org/

You'll have two ways to test yourself there: with flashcard type screens where one question is asked and you answer with the previous question below it that you had and full Practice exams that get graded.

You'll have to register there but I have found it worth the few minutes to fill out the registration form so far.

Hope everything that I have suggested helps you out in some way.

James W8ISS

2469. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-23 13:36:08 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 2462 Message: 2469

On Friday 17 December 2010 09:44:58 you wrote:
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There are two versions available: Technician and General class

You can download them here:
http://kb6nu.com/tech-manual/

The Technician is also available as an e-book also now:
http://kb6nu.com/e-book-version-of-the-tech-study-guide-now-available/

If these do help out, PLEASE let KB6NU, Dan, know about it as he is also interested in feedback on these downloads.

James W8ISS

2470. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-23 17:18:06 UTC
From: Tucker Stevens
Topic: 2462 Message: 2470

On 12/23/10, James French <w8iss@...> wrote:
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2471. Re: [BMHA] A new member with some questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-23 17:19:49 UTC
From: Tucker Stevens
Topic: 2462 Message: 2471

Thanks for the tips, James. I'll check those out.
Tucker

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> On 12/23/10, James French <w8iss@...> wrote:
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2472. Re: Which antenna for HF QSO Party as a mobile/portable?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-27 21:23:19 UTC
From: mchenryproj
Topic: 2269 Message: 2472

What antenna did you go with for the 2010 riding season? I am looking at the MP-1 as well as either single band Maldol types or maybe some sort of jumpered arrangement. Something not too long but long enough is good for me. Most of the trails are pretty open but some of the rails to trails here in Ohio are a bit overgrown with smaller low trees, and there is an occasional tunnel in the area too.

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2473. [BMHA] Re: Which antenna for HF QSO Party as a mobile/portable?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-28 00:42:18 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2269 Message: 2473

Do you have a carbon frame bike or a metal/steel/aluminum frame bike...

On my wife's bike, carbon frame, we use a Maldol AS30 (15" Dual Band) velco strapped to the seat tube with a thin coax lead back to the handle bar where the radio is mounted.

On my bike (aluminum frame) we use the Maldol MH511 (4.5") right on the radio.

Others here, with metal frame bikes, have used mounts fitted to racks bolted to the bike with antennas up to a 5/8th wave size.

>>> mchenryproj<mchenryproj@...> 12/27/2010 2:23 PM >>>

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2474. RE: [BMHA] Re: Which antenna for HF QSO Party as a mobile/portable?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-28 00:50:26 UTC
From: Mr Albert Furlow
Topic: 2269 Message: 2474

I run a recumbent stuck a rack on the back and use a homebrew 1/2 coax antenna for 2/440 and a hustler for HF.
AL KA1FFO

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Mickey Applebaum
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2010 7:42 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Which antenna for HF QSO Party as a mobile/portable?

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2475. Re: [BMHA] Re: Which antenna for HF QSO Party as a mobile/portable?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-28 03:12:29 UTC
From: Len N9IJ
Topic: 2269 Message: 2475

The top of a MP1 is a typical hollow telescoping whip and won't handle trees well. I'd use something more flexible on the top. A fixed length whip will make tuning more touchy but will work well.

Sent via DROID on Verizon Wireless

-----Original message-----
From: mchenryproj <mchenryproj@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, Dec 27, 2010 21:23:19 GMT+00:00
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Which antenna for HF QSO Party as a mobile/portable?

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2476. Re: Which antenna for HF QSO Party as a mobile/portable?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2010-12-28 19:37:54 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2269 Message: 2476

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "mchenryproj" <mchenryproj@...> wrote:
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> KB8JNE

Sean, for the VA QSO party station, I used a modified MP1: longer base rod, the MP1 coil, a 10' or 12' telescoping MFJ whip, and the MP-1 counterpoise wires. Antenna mount is a 3/8" threaded bolted to a rear rack. The bike frame (steel, Bianchi Castro Valley) serves as an additional ground. This set up is good for stationary/portable, it is too flimsy for in-motion. I used coil adjustments for rough tuning and a Elecraft T-1 for fine SWR matching. 40M wound up being my workhorse band. If I get a chance before the 2011 QSO party, I want to play with elevating the ground wires to see if that improves performance.

For in-motion, I used the same or a shorter base rod and a 3' whip salvaged from a 2M antenna. I theory it'll tune 40M, but 20M or 17M may be the lowest practical band because of the small radiator size and poorer ground system. Pics of the setup are in the photos area: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/list

Single-band hamsticks, plug-tappable, and Hustler loading coil arrangements would also work. I don't want to carry multiple hamsticks and already had the MP1. A buddistick would also work. All you really need is the tappable or adjustable coil (or fixed coils for each band of interest) and a long enough radiator.

See what you have available and give it a try.
73 & Happy New Year.
Steve KS1G

2477. Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-04 05:07:10 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2477 Message: 2477

I can think of no better group for expertise in this area ;-) so I'm going to ask a couple questions and see if anyone has any ideas for me...

I'm planning on doing some long-distance touring this summer. I'm thinking of doing a 1-2 week trip as a shake-down cruise, so you can see by long, I mean l o n g ...

I'll be riding my TerraTrike Tour recumbent trike and pulling a trailer. I don't plan on HF mobile, but will save that for the campgrounds. I would like to be ready for VHF/UHF while mobile including APRS.

I'd also like to incorporate solar power into the package.

So, those are two areas I'd like advice on, especially from those who have done it before. I searched the newsletter archives for solar power information and found a little bit of information.

APRS: I have ordered a Kenwood TH-D72A handleld with GPS and TNC built in. I will have a netbook with me for programming and use while stopped. I'm interested in hearing about what the current state-of-the-art software for packet is. I used to be pretty up on packet, but got out of it for probably 10 years or so. What I've seen on the web is such a mixed bag of either old, outdated pages, or incomprehensible pages that jump right into the minute details without so much as a nutshell explanation of the software. If someone could point me in the right direction in that regard, it would be great.

Solar: I picked up a 15 watt panel and charge controller and plan to mount it on the trailer. I have a trailer coming that is similar to a BOB trailer, but two-wheeled. I felt that would be more stable with a solar panel on it. I'll pick up a SLA battery at some point to work with it. My plan is to have the battery, panel and most of the electronics in the trailer, but run a wire up to the bike to power the HT and various other accessories. I might possibly put a small SLA battery on the bike as well. I might use it for lights, as well as for times when I unhook the trailer. I'll be charging the netbook, a cellphone, the HT and rechargeable AA batteries for various items off the solar power system as well as operating HF when camped. (Elecraft K2)Any ideas or tips regarding the solar power would be appreciated as well, especially things I may not have anticipated.

If all goes well with my short shake-down trip, I hope to go cross-country for up to several months.

A few details more are posted on my blog at gritzmacher.net and I'll be updating that as I go.

Thanks for any advice. 73,

Al AE2T

2478. Re: [BMHA] Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-04 16:05:53 UTC
From: N1KHB@aol.com
Topic: 2477 Message: 2478

Hi Al,
Sounds quite ambitious. You'll need to give us some more info about
your power requirements, planned (if any) battery size, etc, for us to give
you more input on that segment of your project.

Best for now,
Joe N1KHB
www.tinyurl.com/n1khb (http://www.tinyurl.com/n1khb)

In a message dated 1/4/2011 8:29:14 A.M. Eastern Standard Time,
al@... writes:

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2479. Ref: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-04 16:56:54 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2479 Message: 2479

Al, AE2T,

In my humble opinion you're taking too much stuff.

A KX1 with dry cells will fit in your pocket while you shop for groceries. Libraries will allow you access to their computers. Or, you can log your trip with pencil and paper and mail it home to Aunt Bertha.

Best of luck,

72 de Scott/n7net/qrp

2480. Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 03:19:22 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2480 Message: 2480

Check out the site below it is the 11 year trip a ham made on a recumbent with a trailer and ham gear.

http://microship.com/bike/behemoth/

73
Jim
W1RO

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2481. Re: [BMHA] Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 04:15:58 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2480 Message: 2481

I remember this guy moons ago. Whatever happen to him? I know there is a
story about him in a back issue of QST, but, I dunno which year it was tho?

On Wed, Jan 5, 2011 at 19:19, <W1RO@...> wrote:

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2482. Re: [BMHA] Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 04:32:01 UTC
From: Lauriann Bradford
Topic: 2480 Message: 2482

Hey Jim, I didn't know you were on this list! Long time no see. Didn't this guy have his picture on QST magazine a few years back?

On Jan 5, 2011, at 7:19 PM, W1RO@... wrote:

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Lauriann Bradford
lb4ems@cox.net

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2483. Re: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 06:07:41 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2477 Message: 2483

Al,
I understand the mental gymnastics you are going through. I went through the same in preparation for my TransAm.

I considered going with solar but I was concerned about the abuse that it would see. Your bike will hit the ground several times throughout your trip. Hopefully without you on it. Anything that you mount on your bike had better be rugged enough to take your bike falling over.

I chose to use a radio harness rather than mount my radio to my bike. The comet SMA-24 antenna worked adequately for my purposes.

For power I chose to take three batteries and a rapid charger for my HT. on only one occasion did I deplete all three batteries. Since you are running APRS your duty cycle might be higher.

Usually I was able to find AC power within feet of where I Camped.

The only state I had trouble with charging batteries was KY.

If I were to design a self contained charging set up my choice would be to use a dynamo hub and a charge controller to charge NIMH batteries. SLAs are very sensitive to over-discharging.

Good plan on the shake down cruse. Where are you going to ride?

Dean
KJ6CQC

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Al Gritzmacher" <al@...> wrote:
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> I can think of no better group for expertise in this area ;-) so I'm going to ask a couple questions and see if anyone has any ideas for me...
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> I'm planning on doing some long-distance touring this summer. I'm thinking of doing a 1-2 week trip as a shake-down cruise, so you can see by long, I mean l o n g ...
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> I'll be riding my TerraTrike Tour recumbent trike and pulling a trailer. I don't plan on HF mobile, but will save that for the campgrounds. I would like to be ready for VHF/UHF while mobile including APRS.
>
> I'd also like to incorporate solar power into the package.
>
> So, those are two areas I'd like advice on, especially from those who have done it before. I searched the newsletter archives for solar power information and found a little bit of information.
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> APRS: I have ordered a Kenwood TH-D72A handleld with GPS and TNC built in. I will have a netbook with me for programming and use while stopped. I'm interested in hearing about what the current state-of-the-art software for packet is. I used to be pretty up on packet, but got out of it for probably 10 years or so. What I've seen on the web is such a mixed bag of either old, outdated pages, or incomprehensible pages that jump right into the minute details without so much as a nutshell explanation of the software. If someone could point me in the right direction in that regard, it would be great.
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> Solar: I picked up a 15 watt panel and charge controller and plan to mount it on the trailer. I have a trailer coming that is similar to a BOB trailer, but two-wheeled. I felt that would be more stable with a solar panel on it. I'll pick up a SLA battery at some point to work with it. My plan is to have the battery, panel and most of the electronics in the trailer, but run a wire up to the bike to power the HT and various other accessories. I might possibly put a small SLA battery on the bike as well. I might use it for lights, as well as for times when I unhook the trailer. I'll be charging the netbook, a cellphone, the HT and rechargeable AA batteries for various items off the solar power system as well as operating HF when camped. (Elecraft K2)Any ideas or tips regarding the solar power would be appreciated as well, especially things I may not have anticipated.
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> If all goes well with my short shake-down trip, I hope to go cross-country for up to several months.
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> A few details more are posted on my blog at gritzmacher.net and I'll be updating that as I go.
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> Thanks for any advice. 73,
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> Al AE2T
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2484. Re: [BMHA] Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 08:28:48 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2480 Message: 2484

Steve Roberts is still going strong.

He's gone through three (I think) versions of bikes, a catamaran and is getting ready to take off in a large, steel-hulled sailboat.

I looked back through some of his web pages as I contemplated this project and even contacted him on Facebook. (facebook.com/nomadness)

I met Steve at Dayton once and have an autographed copy of his first book!

- Al AE2T

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2485. Bicycling and ham radio - blog post

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 08:42:28 UTC
From: Fr. Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2485 Message: 2485

Here is my latest Blog post. Topic: Bicycling and Ham Radio. I hope you enjoy and please be sure to post comments on the blog....

Anyone has permission to reuse for news letters (if you think it's good enough) etc. providing the articles is not changed in anyway and that credit is given to the author.

http://kd5lwuhamradio.blogspot.com/2011/01/bicycling-and-ham-radio.html

2486. Re: [BMHA] Re: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 08:52:32 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2477 Message: 2486

On 1/6/2011 1:07 AM, stegnography wrote:
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> Al,
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> batteries. SLAs are very sensitive to over-discharging.
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> Good plan on the shake down cruse. Where are you going to ride?
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Dean,

Thanks for the input.

If I were only carrying a HT, I'd agree. Actually, I don't know how much talking I'll do on it anyway. VHF/UHF/repeater operating is pretty been-there-done-that for me. It's an option, though and may come in handy.

But my main interest in it is for packet/APRS tracking. For that, the radio can stay in a bag. I'll put a bigger/better antenna on somewhere for some gain. I ordered a Kenwood TH-D72A, which arrived today and I'm learning how to use it. That'll take me a while!

As for tipping over, yes that could happen. But remember, it's a tadpole trike and a two-wheeled trailer. It's not going to happen often! The trailer also arrived today and so far I've been impressed with it's quality.

There will be opportunities for charging things off of AC mains, so I'm not concerned with being 100% solar powered, but it will be nice to have some available. The list of things is far more than a HT. I'll be powering a smartphone (HTC Incredible), a Netbook, the Kenwood, and want to be able to charge AA batteries for a camera and bike lights. And ocasionally run the K2 while camping.

It should be interesting. Probably a source of many gotchas and "learning experiences" and maybe even an article for a BMHA Newsletter...

I'm leaning towards a spring trip to and back from Washington DC as a first run. I have relatives in DC that I've promised to visit for years. It will be a combination of ACA routes from Buffalo to Pittsburgh, then the GAP and C&O trails thanks to a suggestion from the BMHA Facebook group. After that, I should know whether it's worth the effort to carry everything.

Thanks for the input and I look forward to it all...

73,

Al AE2T

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2487. Re: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 15:23:13 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2477 Message: 2487

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A terminal program on the phone may be good enough for use with the Kenwood that you won't need a netbook for packet or APRS. Also look at APRSDroid for software. You are more likely to have access to the phone network in/near towns than an open wifi for the netbook.

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That is a great shakedown trip. My neighbor used GAP + C&O as part of her prep for the Transamerica (VA Beach -> Oregon) ride last summer. Depending on how much rain you get, mud may make the C&O on a trike+2-wheel trailer "interesting". Yahoo groups has a coTowpath group and a GAP group - excellent sources of current info on trail conditions and services.

> group. After that, I should know whether it's worth the effort to carry
> everything.

On taking HF & VHF gear on the C&O (did this a few years ago on Boy Scout trips): You're in the Potomac River gorge - there may be a few sections (more towards the Cumberland) where HF and VHF may not get out too well. If you plan to use the hike & bike sites on the C&O, they do not have AC power (some of the larger ones, like Antietam Creek, may have AC at the latrine building). Plan to use CW with earphones or a data mode at night - I tried it with SSB for one evening and was QUICKLY informed my voice carried! I think I made 2 HF QSOs over the entire trip. Was not worth the weight/volume IMO for my limited operating time. My FT817, MP-1 vertical with a MFJ 10' telescoping whip, and SSB worked but was not optimal (or nightime campsite friendly!). If I was doing again, would consider a smaller backapacker rig: KX1, TenTec QRP CW rigs or their Chinese versions, maybe one of the Altoids-size single-band QRP rigs, with wire for an inverted-L, balance-fed dipole, maybe go end-fed. And improve my CW skill.

My HT came in handy the last night of the trip (we were midway between White's Ferry & Great Falls). WX band reception and the local Skywarn net kept us fully informed of thunderstorms moving through the area. If I had APRS with me, I would have tried a simple "At <H&B site name/mile marker> having a great time" Btext each evening and seen how easily the families back home could follow us using one of the APRS web sites.

The eastern sections of the C&O are well within coverage of western metro DC repeaters and APRS relays. I would definitely bring a roll-up jpole and some string to suspend it from a tree. A jpole mounted on a bike flag makes IMO a great VHF bike antenna.

Not directly related to ham radio or cycling but IMPORTANT if you like ice cream: Be sure to stop @ Nutter's in Sharpsburg. You're welcome. :)

Hope this helps. 73, Steve KS1G

2488. Re: Ref: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 16:02:41 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2479 Message: 2488

In My Humble Opinion, I LIKE my "Stuff", and lots of it.
Even commuting part way across town daily I carry a spare tire tube, tools, snacks, water bottle, external NiCad pack to run my TH-D7 / GPS combination... which does indeed load me down and slow me down.
I do like to "Be Prepared", and usually the only time I really need some of these odds and ends is when I don't have them with me for some reason. I consider the extra weight and loss of speed well worth the convenience of being able to be more self sufficient when things go wrong... and have toys to play with along the way.
I use an Acer 9" diagonal screen netbook, which is small and light and has close to 6 hours of battery life and will fit in almost any pack or pannier. It also has a super-range wifi that can connect to hotspots almost twice as far distant as any other system I have. The battery will charge slowly and the netbook will run on straight 12 VDC, which comes in handy in such a mobile setup.
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> In my humble opinion you're taking too much stuff.
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> A KX1 with dry cells will fit in your pocket while you shop for groceries. Libraries will allow you access to their computers. Or, you can log your trip with pencil and paper and mail it home to Aunt Bertha.

2489. Re: Ref: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 17:54:24 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2479 Message: 2489

And I thought I was the only one to catch a bicycle on fire!

72 de Scott/n7net/qrp

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2490. Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 18:36:42 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2480 Message: 2490

I don't know who was asking about a bike trailer, but here's another option.

http://www.bikerev.com/

Ian is an individual who's been building trailers for many years. I remember a trailer he built for hauling a canoe behind a bike. It won't cost you anything to tell him what you are trying to do.

There's no association between us. I live in McKinney, Texas, he lives in Eugene, Oregon.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2491. Touring With A Trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-06 18:55:55 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2491 Message: 2491

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72 de Scott/n7net/qrp

2492. Re: [BMHA] Re: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 12:11:54 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2477 Message: 2492

On 1/6/2011 10:23 AM, BrassRat77 wrote:
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That would be a neat idea. Aside from the cabling issue - male to male -
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bit of an Android phone expert. I have a terminal app already, but only
use it over the net.

I'm already playing with APRSDroid, as well. I can tether the phone to
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The KX-1 is nice, but I don't have one. I've got a SW-40, a NC-20 and a
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That's exactly the role for APRS I have in mind. If I can run it while rolling and leave a track of the days route, that's a bonus too.
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> metro DC repeaters and APRS relays. I would definitely bring a roll-up
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A J-pole on the bike flag is at the top of my to-do list! The J-pole and I are no strangers and I've used one on a bike in the past.

Thanks for the great comments. There have been several useful answers today here.

73,
Al AE2T

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2493. Re: [BMHA] Ref: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 12:15:23 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2479 Message: 2493

On 1/4/2011 11:56 AM, n7net wrote:
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I don't think Aunt Bertha wants to update my blog... ;-)
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> Best of luck,
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2494. Re: [BMHA] Touring With A Trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 12:19:11 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2491 Message: 2494

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2495. Re: [BMHA] Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 15:43:50 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 2480 Message: 2495

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2496. Re: [BMHA] Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 16:05:40 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 2480 Message: 2496

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2497. Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 17:55:32 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2480 Message: 2497

Barb and I pulled the BikeRev trailer shown in N7NET's Stuff behind a Burley Samba Tandem. A rain storm hit us on the trip south toward Williams. Construction crews were repairing the road surface with a red volcanic ash and it got mixed in with the road spray caused by the speeding tour busses that roared past us. By the time we reached Williams we and everything we owned was a rusty red color.

I can't say it was a lot of fun that day, but we sure made a memory.

Bring enough sealing plastic bags to protect your radios and whatnot from Mother Nature.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2498. Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 18:00:51 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2480 Message: 2498

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2499. Re: [BMHA] Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 18:51:02 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 2480 Message: 2499

I probably have the name wrong as it certianly was not the BEHEMOTH or the Winnebiko. Those I would have remembered seeing.

This ham was on an actual three wheel trike that seniors use in retirement. I do remember that much...:) He wasn't loaded with radios either. Some 2m FM and 6m all-mode (which got me interested in 6m then) plus an HF radio, none of which I can remember models or brands. Plus he had no trailer either.

This would have been in roughly the 1992 or 1993 time frame as I had just recently gotten licensed in late 1991 as KD4DLA then. He was around for a couple of months before he set back out to continue his trip.

Never heard much from or about him after that either. So I was just wondering if anyone else had met him or knew his current status.

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2500. RE: [BMHA] Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-07 19:08:31 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2480 Message: 2500

I also remember Steve's adventures and it re-inspired me for a coast to coast jaunt as was a dream in my youth which I am yet to and will do but a couple of summers ago a friend of mine and I decided to ride around Lake Superior which is about 1400 miles and it took us 21 days. we carried everything with us (no sag wagon) and many times in Canada there was nothing for 30-40 miles around. This was like backpacking on a bike. I have backpacked a bit and used those experiences and knowledge for that trip. I also collected some money for the MS society. If anyone is interested I did a daily journal on my treo 650 and emailed it to my son for posting on my website. You can go to my website www.jarosh.org click on the daily journal link to read and see the posted pictures. In some of the pictures you can see the 5/8wave antenna on the back of the bike.

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of AOX
Sent: Friday, January 07, 2011 12:01 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Advice for bike/trailer

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-08 04:02:57 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2501 Message: 2501

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Re: Advice for bike/trailer

Posted by: "n7net"
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Thu Jan 6, 2011 10:36 am (PST)

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2502. Re: [BMHA] bike trailers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-08 05:19:09 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2501 Message: 2502

There are several bike trailer tents...

http://www.tonystrailers.com/nomad/

and

http://store.kamprite.com/catalog/Midget-Bushtrekka-p-16143.html

and for those of you who are really adventurous you can get the plans to build an ultra-light teardrop camper for your bike...

http://www.tinyhousedesign.com/2009/05/13/ultralight-teardrop-trailer-for-a-bicycle/

>>> Barry Bogart<barry_bogart@...> 1/7/2011 9:02 PM >>>

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2503. Re: [BMHA] bike trailers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-08 10:21:34 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2501 Message: 2503

That reminds me - I saw a program not to long ago about bicycling and camping. I don't recall the name of the program, but, someone had built a trailer big enough to hall by bike and camp in a trailer being pulled by a bike.

Sheez, where did I see that? Kick in the 40 ages here... LOL.

Jeff KE7OUR

On Fri, Jan 7, 2011 at 20:02, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...> wrote:

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2504. Re: Bike trailer/camper

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-08 17:31:42 UTC
From: W1RO@aol.com
Topic: 2504 Message: 2504

Kamp-Rite Midget Bushtrekka Bicycle Camper Trailer

I googled this one. Interesting. Anyone used one like this?

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2505. RE: [BMHA] Re: Bike trailer/camper

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-08 20:16:26 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 2504 Message: 2505

I've seen stuff like this. In fact, I have an old kiddie trailer that I'm looking at doing something similar with using an Eureka Solitaire as the tent, and making a tri-fold platform on the trailer deck to hold it all up. The biggest concern is weight.

Jack KE4LWT

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of W1RO@...
Sent: Saturday, January 08, 2011 11:32 AM
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-08 20:45:09 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 2501 Message: 2506

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Jack KE4LWT

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Barry Bogart
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2507. Re: bike trailers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-08 20:49:41 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2501 Message: 2507

I've been guilty of taking too much stuff. Too much weight quickly takes the joy out of something that is supposed to be fun.

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> give you a covered cot to sleep on.
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> Again though, my biggest concern would be the tendency to go with "I have
> room for it, so I'll pack it!" and kill yourself with weight.
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> Jack KE4LWT
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2508. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike trailer/camper

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-08 20:25:21 UTC
From: Philip Hahn
Topic: 2504 Message: 2508

Hi guys.

I've been thinking about touring at some point on my recumbent with a HF radio.

With four panniers and a bag on the rack, I don't see the need for a trailer. That is plenty of space for what I need. But I do have some ideas that might interest you.

What I was planning on doing for an antenna is getting a long fiberglass whip, about 12' in length, and securing it to the rack on my bike. I would use this as an antenna mast by attaching a thin wire. Then with a tuner and a small HF radio I'd be able to get on the air.

At night when I wanted to camp I'd park the bike (which has a kickstand) and bend the 12' rod backwards. A hinge on the rack might also help. I'd attach a rope with a stake to the end of the rod and stake it down as a lean-to, and cover with a tarp. This would serve as my tent. If long enough, it is possible I could bend it over the bike to cover both me and the bike, and operate radio at night.

Just a thought. I've done the kiddie trailer with kids and to move stuff around but I've always felt I handled better with a heavy bike versus a lighter bike and trailer.

Phil, KI4VUP.

On Sat, Jan 8, 2011 at 2:16 PM, Jack Smith <cyclingsoldier@...> wrote:
> I've seen stuff like this. In fact, I have an old kiddie trailer that I'm
> looking at doing something similar with using an Eureka Solitaire as the
> tent, and making a tri-fold platform on the trailer deck to hold it all up.
> The biggest concern is weight.
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> From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of
> W1RO@aol.com
> Sent: Saturday, January 08, 2011 11:32 AM
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: Bike trailer/camper
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> Kamp-Rite Midget Bushtrekka Bicycle Camper Trailer
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> I googled this one. Interesting. Anyone used one like this?
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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.
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2509. Memories of Earlier BMHA days.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-17 02:26:40 UTC
From: ka0soh
Topic: 2509 Message: 2509

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Donn, KA0SOH

2510. Re: Ref: Request for advice

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-18 20:09:11 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2479 Message: 2510

Wow,
Are there any pictures of the burned out trailer?
If you can get them could you post them.
Dean KJ6CQC

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "AOX" <w5aox@...> wrote:
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> In My Humble Opinion, I LIKE my "Stuff", and lots of it.
> Even commuting part way across town daily I carry a spare tire tube, tools, snacks, water bottle, external NiCad pack to run my TH-D7 / GPS combination... which does indeed load me down and slow me down.
> I do like to "Be Prepared", and usually the only time I really need some of these odds and ends is when I don't have them with me for some reason. I consider the extra weight and loss of speed well worth the convenience of being able to be more self sufficient when things go wrong... and have toys to play with along the way.
> I use an Acer 9" diagonal screen netbook, which is small and light and has close to 6 hours of battery life and will fit in almost any pack or pannier. It also has a super-range wifi that can connect to hotspots almost twice as far distant as any other system I have. The battery will charge slowly and the netbook will run on straight 12 VDC, which comes in handy in such a mobile setup.
> I loaned a hinged solar panel (approx 18" X 24" opened up) to a cross country quint-cycle family this summer and it kept their system working fine and charged all the way from NM to northern CA. They never used it for voice, just APRS only. The system might have made it to Alaska with them but they experienced a fire in their bike trailer that consumed the entire trailer contents along with the solar panel which was bungee'd on top of a sleeping bag roll on top of the luggage. It appears upon subsequent questioning and thought that the homebrew Nicad pack chafed through the insulation separating the 10 individual cells and shorted out, sparking a fire that quickly set off a small propane bottle adjacent to the battery/radio pack.
> Since then I've tried to make sure my home brew Nicad and NiMh packs (10 AA cells in series, taped together in a pack) have extra sleeving between cells.
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "n7net" <n7net@> wrote:
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> > Al, AE2T,
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> > In my humble opinion you're taking too much stuff.
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> > A KX1 with dry cells will fit in your pocket while you shop for groceries. Libraries will allow you access to their computers. Or, you can log your trip with pencil and paper and mail it home to Aunt Bertha.
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2511. Re: APRS burned up a bike trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-18 20:42:17 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2479 Message: 2511

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "stegnography" <dmccollom@...> wrote:
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2512. Re: APRS burned up a bike trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-19 15:56:32 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2479 Message: 2512

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2513. Re: Memories of Earlier BMHA days.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-19 16:09:49 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2509 Message: 2513

Donn,

Thanks for sharing your experience(s). There are some serious grades west of Denver. That's where you need that "stump puller" bike, hi.

72 de Scott/n7net/QRP

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2514. Re: APRS burned up a bike trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-01-19 17:00:38 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2479 Message: 2514

As I recall the story, the quint-bike family had just stopped for the evening and were setting up their tent for the night when the Mom heard some faint "popping noises" and within a few seconds one of the girls started screaming "The Trailer's on Fire!!!" By the time Mom & Dad arrived at the scene the trailer was billowing smoke and flame and it was too dangerous to try getting anything out. There were probably 2 or 3 small disposable propane cylinders in the bundles of stuff. It's likely someone jostled the APRS battery pack (which was inside a small leatherette pouch) and 2 of the AA cells shorted together. As you can see there is nothing recognizable left in the smoldering ashes. The loss included a 10 watt solar panel, IC-2AT transceiver, Globalsat BR-305 GPS puck, fiberglass J Pole, and the TT3 tinytracker.
I have experienced NiCd packs shorting before. They can blow a lot of smoke almost instantly and I've seen the connecting wires / tabs between cells melt and separate like a fuse, but thankfully I've never had to put out a fire (though I've had blisters on my pinkies from trying to pull them apart while smoke is billowing).
Their last gasp position report still shows on aprs.fi:
http://aprs.fi/?call=peduin&mt=roadmap&z=11&timerange=3600
They got another donated trailer, restocked with travel supplies, and a local REI store gave them a tracking device that recorded the remainder of their trip to Fairbanks, Alaska. See http://www.pedouins.org/ for their complete journey from TN to AK on a 5-place bicycle.

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2515. BMHA Dayton Hamvention Forum Announcement

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-02-04 15:03:04 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2515 Message: 2515

The 21st annual BMHA forum is set for Sunday, May 22nd at 9:00am. Mike Nickolaus, NF0N, is our forum moderator again this year.

Anyone who would like to present at the forum will receive a Hamvention pass and a parking spot next to the arena. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

We are encouraging anyone to bring their setup and display at the Forum. We will set aside a portion of the forum time for attendees to roam the room and ask questions, take pictures and learn about how others have setup their bikes with VHF/HF gear and antenna systems. If anyone would like to present pictures or audio, we will have the necessary viewing equipment available. Bring your CD/DVD or presentations on removable media. Computer equipment will be supplied.

Please see the BMHA website: www.bmha-hams.org for more details as they become available.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

2516. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Speaker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-02-28 17:59:52 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2447 Message: 2516

One last plea for anyone who would like to be a speaker at this years Dayton forum. If I don't get anyone who would like to speak, you will have to listen to me again talk about one of my trips. That's OK but don't complain that it isn't interesting !! I do have a few topics that I can talk about though.

If interested, please contact me as I have to get the program list by March 15th.

Mike, NF0N
nf0n@...

2518. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Speaker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-02-28 22:07:36 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2447 Message: 2518

On 2/28/2011 11:59 AM, Mike wrote:
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Did you forget that I offered to talk about the synergism of Amateur Radio and Bicycles with Boy Scouts of America and the merit badges for those topics? Hopefully I can even get a Scouter from our group that staffs the BSA Booth in the ARRL area to join me.

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2519. Re: Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum Speaker

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-01 02:31:56 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2447 Message: 2519

Norm,

Yes I have you as one our main speakers. I was hoping we could get at least one more speaker as this year we have 1 1/2 hours of time. Right now it is just you and myself as speakers. If we don't get any more, we will open it up for those who might want to show or talk about a special project or we can make the rest of the time a time to just visit with all the BMHA attendees.

I will also have more of the Adventure Cycling special edition magazines along with 10 free memberships.

Mike

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2520. HF On the Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-02 23:53:49 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2520 Message: 2520

It's a work in progress with a MFJ-9420 and a ham stick tuned so there's no need for a tuner. It generates about 9 watts and I've reached out 1700 miles so far. Still more work, but it has the smell of promise.

See two photos.

72 de Scott/n7net

2522. Re: HF On the Trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-03 13:14:43 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2520 Message: 2522

They are in the photo section under N7NET's Stuff. Sorry I wasn't clear on that.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2523. Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-05 16:41:53 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2523

Folks;

I am planning to go bicycle and camping mobile.

I plan to have an inverted vee on my bike (home brew using
fiberglass rods and transformer wire coiled around the rods);
one rod driven and one rod connected to the bike frame as ground.

With this, I hope to get on 20, 15, and 10; maybee with luck on
forty.

For power, I am thinking of a 13 volt 14 amp hour NIMH pack
connected to either a 20 or 30 watt solar panel.

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FT 857D.

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draw on the IC 7000 and allegations that the IC 7000's connectors
on the rear apron being very fragile and next to impossible to repair.

What gives me hesitation on the 857d are the few allegations that the
receiver is poor and that the radio is 'grossly non weatherized'.

I plan to mount the radio in a home made leather pouch (yes I do
sewing, along with other hobbies) on the handlebars. It will have
a detachable flexible clear plastic cover for the rain, however it
will be impossible to keep completely dry.

I would like to hear back from anyone who has experience with either
of the two radios.

Also, I would like to hear back from anyone who thinks that I am crazy.

Thanks you

73's

WA1SEY
Mark Allyn
Portland, Oregon
www.allyn.com
971-563-7588

2524. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-05 17:25:10 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2523 Message: 2524

Mark,

Perhaps you should experiment with the solar panel, battery, and radio prior to departure. A 12-volt panel may not fully charge your battery and it would be to your advantage to know how long you can operate before the battery drops below threshold value. Don't try to operate the radio without the battery in the circuit. Without the battery as a load the panel may damage your radio.

I would take first quality zip lock bags to protect your electric stuff from the elements.

Good luck and keep it fun.

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2525. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-05 18:28:08 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2525

Scott and the group:

Thanks for reminding me about the solar panel and the battery.

I have decided to look at the 14.4 volt batteries (NIMH and LIpoly).

I am guessing that I would need the 10 amp hour or maybe the 14 amp hour.

My space would limit me to a 10 or maybe a 15 watt solar panel for
the back. **Maybe** another solar panel for the front.

Looking at the solar panels, they say they put out as much as 15 to 16
volts or so at no load, which should be at least enough to trickle charge
whatever battery I decide.

Some folks claim that I would need to be careful having a solar panel
connected to a NIMH pack and left unattended.

Any comments? LIpoly is more expensive but seems to have the better
power to weight. Any other disadvantaages I should be aware of?

Truly,

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2526. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-05 19:46:59 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2523 Message: 2526

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-06 00:58:13 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2527

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2529. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-06 14:56:07 UTC
From: Ed Nisley
Topic: 2523 Message: 2529

On Sun, 2011-03-06 at 11:54 +0000, BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:
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2530. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-06 16:02:23 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2530

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-06 17:14:54 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2523 Message: 2531

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2532. RE: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-06 21:33:42 UTC
From: William Schmidt
Topic: 2523 Message: 2532

Have you considered the K2 (150 ma on receive).
If you are ok with CW only then there are many rigs with 35 ma current draw on receive. (Sierra, K1,ATS,SW+) These would make a difference in the size of the battery you would need to carry.

Bill, WV1N

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: allyn@...
Date: Sun, 6 Mar 2011 08:02:23 -0800
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

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2533. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-06 22:26:08 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2533

Scott:

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I do have the option of using the MAX light rail.

That is where a challege comes into play.

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This way, I can unscrew the elements to take the bike on the train
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>> By the way, I have done extensive electrical work for both my bike and
>> myself. I make lighted clothing in jewelry for art. I have some of
>> my stuff on lin in my journal at www.allyn.com.

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>> On Sat, 5 Mar 2011, n7net wrote:
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>>> Mark,
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>>> After retiring in 1999 I moved from Eugene, Oregon to the Arizona desert and fabricated a solar-powered station. I had 300-watts in panels and eight 6-volt deepcycle batteried wired as four 12-volt. I was never able to achieve a full charge, never more than about 11.8 volts. They say you can wire two 12-volt panels and go to a contoller with 24-volt and get a full charge, but I've never done that.
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>>> If I were heading out on a bike here's what I'd do. I'd stay with CW and I'd choose one band, two if I'd build a KX1 and carry two hamsticks. Or I might build a Small Wonder, or a MFJ Cub for the single band of my choice. I'd carry one or two ham stick for that band(s). I'd tune the sticks to the center of that frequency (you can get the SWRs very close to 1:1 on both a 20 and 40 stick) before leaving home and forget the tuner. For power, I'd go to Radio Shack and buy two 4-battery D holders and wire them for 12 volts and take a fistful of D cells, even AAs, and not worry about panels and overcast days.
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>>> I'm 73 and I don't tour very far anymore. I've switched from my Bike Friday and trailer to a Sun trike and I've configured it in the manner described above. From Dallas I've had some respectable QSOs. Fifteen hundred miles is pretty common. Always QRP.
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>>> 72 de Scott/n7net
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>>> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Mark Allyn <allyn@> wrote:
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>>>> Scott and the group:
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>>>> Thanks for reminding me about the solar panel and the battery.
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>>>> I have decided to look at the 14.4 volt batteries (NIMH and LIpoly).
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>>>> I am guessing that I would need the 10 amp hour or maybe the 14 amp hour.
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>>>> My space would limit me to a 10 or maybe a 15 watt solar panel for
>>>> the back. **Maybe** another solar panel for the front.
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>>>> Looking at the solar panels, they say they put out as much as 15 to 16
>>>> volts or so at no load, which should be at least enough to trickle charge
>>>> whatever battery I decide.

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>>>> Some folks claim that I would need to be careful having a solar panel
>>>> connected to a NIMH pack and left unattended.
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>>>> Any comments? LIpoly is more expensive but seems to have the better
>>>> power to weight. Any other disadvantaages I should be aware of?
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>>>>> I would take first quality zip lock bags to protect your electric stuff from the elements.
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>>>>> Good luck and keep it fun.
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2534. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-07 14:18:50 UTC
From: Ed Nisley
Topic: 2523 Message: 2534

On Mon, 2011-03-07 at 11:59 +0000, BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> receive current is about .5 Amp

That's much too high for any battery you'd want / be able to lug around on a bike!

> dithering between the lithium polymar and NIMH batteries.

Cheap lithium batteries have a lower peak current for a given capacity than NiMH and NiMH has a lower peak current than NiCd. The receiver's idle current determines how long you can operate between recharges (it's drawing power all the time) and the transmitter's peak current determines the battery capacity (to get a high-enough peak current).

You can limit the peak current by transmitting at QRP power levels, but if you're doing that, then there's no point in using a mobile transceiver. Just get a low-current QRP transceiver and be done with it; you'll save enough money on solar panels and batteries to pay for the radio several times over.

> any bicycle hams ... who had lithium battery fires?

There's not much difference between a lithium battery fire and a NiMH battery fire. Some pix made the rounds here a while back, showing what happens to a bike trailer carrying a shorted NiMH pack. Not pretty.

In a related subject, vibration will raise its ugly head on long tours and regular commuting:

http://softsolder.com/2009/09/03/recumbent-bicycle-amateur-radio-antenna-self-disassembly/

http://softsolder.com/2009/07/10/commercial-mobile-antenna-mounts-on-a-recumbent-failures-thereof/

I'd vote for a smaller (and probably less expensive) radio in a good vibration-isolated mount. Lower current, lower weight, same output power, maybe a better receiver... what's not to like?

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Ed
http://softsolder.com

2535. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-07 15:35:30 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2523 Message: 2535

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Mark Allyn <allyn@...> wrote:
> Scott:
> Thank you for the suggestions. . .
> I was not aware of the hamsticks; I will look into them.
> Curretly, my biking consists of my 20 mile commute for work (Portland to
> Hillsboro). I would be using the rig primarily for that.
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> I was intending to try for SSB QRP on the bike; using a headset under
> the helmet so that I can stay hands-on-handlebars. I also plan to have
> a 2 meter whip for the local repeaters.
>
> That is why I am considering one of the HF/VHF radios.

Mark:

I've done comms support for multiple century rides an HT, and limited bike-mobile SSB QRP ops with an FT817. I also have an 857 I use at home and for portable ops where power/weight isn't as important. My thoughts:

Definitely use a headset. I prefer ones where I can mount a PTT button on the handlebars next to the right brake lever so I don't have to move my hand if I need to stop. Look for mike booms with wind protection or plan to add it to minimize wind noise while operating in motion. Most states require one ear be clear to hear traffic sounds. My prefererence is for headsets that go over the head rather than rely on a single over ear mount to stay put. There have been several articles in QST and online on adapting bluetooth cell phone headsets; I tried it once I acquired a VX8 HT. No wires between me and the bike is wonderful. The headset battery life may not last 4 hours, however. Since the VX8 is weather-resistant, I don't worry about rain during the ride. The standard battery is plenty for several hours of mostly listening and a spare is relatively light and compact.

Bikes have a lot of vibration you'll see immediately if you use a whip mounted on the radio (Longer whips move in a nice representation of standing waves!). This is rough on the antenna connectors, so I prefer a bike-mounted antenna. I have had best results with a J-pole or coaxial dipole attatched to a bike flagpole. End-fed 1/2 waves like the Larsen and the copy Lakeview/hamsticks sells don't need a ground, and I have tried 5/8 and 1/4 wave whips with a counterpoise wire along the bike frame.

I have not attempted in-motion HF ops. When stationary, I have used a modified MP-1: longer base rod, stock coil, either the stock telescoping whip or an MFJ 10ft telescoping whip. Works much better, esp. on 40M, with the long whip. There are photos of this set up under my callsign in the photo section. In-motion, I'd use a flexible whip from an old VHF antenna; the telescoping whips cannot handle the flex. To load the bike on transit, I'd remove the top whip and velcro it to the bike. And maybe use a shorter base rod. Quick-release adaptors with 3/8x24 thread speed dissasembly. I think hamsticks would also work well. Check the HFPack group and website on Yahoo groups, too - they have some info on portable/mobile HF antennas, radios, power, etc.

I have a Heil Traveller boom headset I use with my 817; it has a separate PTT switch I can strap to the handlebar if I was going to use it in-motion. I believe it also works with the 857.

I have mounted my FT817 to the handlebars using a Minoura handlebar extender (see the photo album). An 857 would be too heavy for that mount (there are stronger ones that might work). I'd put the radio in a rack bag and remote mount the front plate to the handlebars. I think the 857 has a mode that drops output to 20W on battery power and you can set it to QRP level. I have used a pair of 7AH SLA batteries with the 857. As others have posted, watch the battery voltage (the 817 will operate off lower voltage batteries). I have never considered carrying that much gear for a century ride; especially as most of the ones I ride have plenty of hills.

Have fun assembling your station & operating!
73 Steve KS1G

2536. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-08 00:05:06 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2523 Message: 2536

I have not replied to this before. My 2M/440 setup was featured in an issue of the BMHA Newsletter (Feb 2008). I use a set of tri-bars with a fabric sling supported by bungee cord and a comet antenna mounted by a seat post mounted rack. have put a lot of miles with no adverse effects on the radio or GPS unit.
There is also additional information in that issue regarding hf communication from the bike.
My suggestion is to review the issues of the newsletters posted on the website or your DVD if you are a member. You will see what has been done and avoid reinventing the wheel.
73 and may the roads be downhill and the wind at your back.

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2537. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-08 04:47:58 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2537

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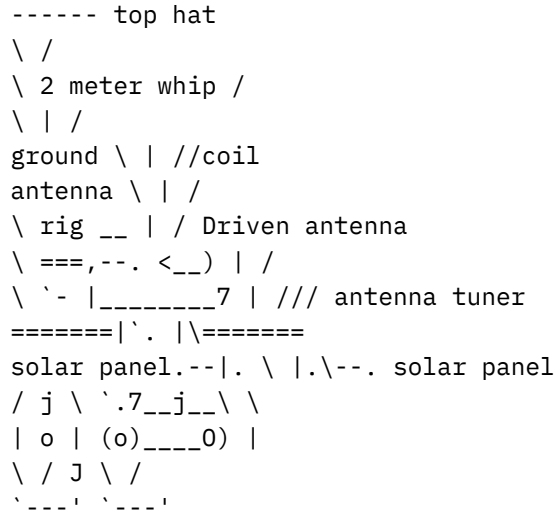

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2538. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-08 05:19:13 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2523 Message: 2538

Mark,

   WOW! Sounds like quite a project.

I do a bike commute of 10 miles each way here in the Silicon Valley - back and forth to Tesla Motors each day(talk about batteries).

Your project sounds pretty cool - why don't you start with the battery, radio and antenna and add the solar panels later?

For me at commute times (early morning and late afternoon) the panels would not really do anything. Are you in the same situation? How about some panels at work that can charge the battery while you are working?

I would also say to try to get the battery CG as low as possible on the bike.

That's my 2 cents. I can't wait to see pictures!!

Bill
W2QGA

--- On Mon, 3/7/11, Mark Allyn <allyn@...> wrote:

From: Mark Allyn <allyn@...>
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, March 7, 2011, 8:47 PM

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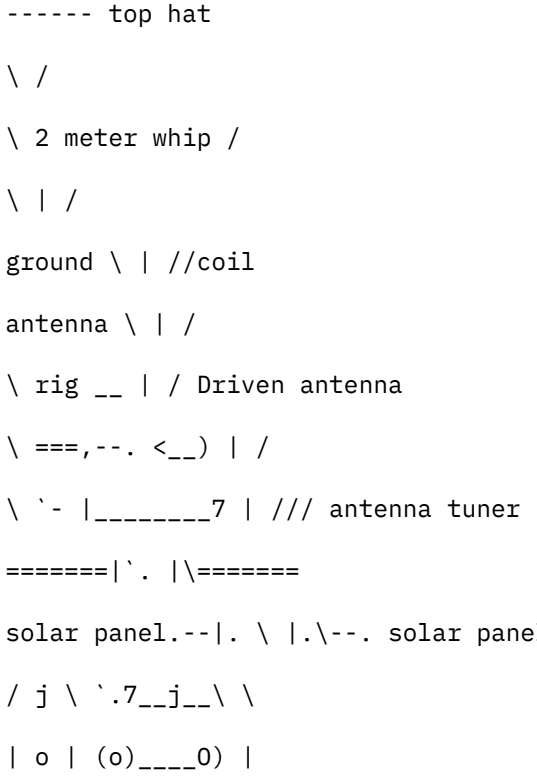

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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2539. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-08 05:36:44 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2539

Bill:

Thanks for the suggestion.

We have AC at work; perhaps I can hold off on the panels until I do some serious long distance non-commute riding or camping. . .

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2540. Buddistick on a bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-08 08:46:20 UTC
From: tomk3mov
Topic: 2540 Message: 2540

I recently saw a YouTube video of Budd Drummond riding his bike while using a Buddistick. The video did not go into a lot of detail about how the Buddistik was hooked up to the bike and whether the bike frame itself formed a suffient counterpoise.

Can someone direct me to more information on these subjects?

Tnx es 73, Tom K3MOV

2541. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-08 23:44:26 UTC
From: Harry G. Seyfert
Topic: 2523 Message: 2541

I haven't seen anyone mention the FT-817ND for bicycle mobile. It does 160 ~ 0.7 m and all modes. Five Watts QRP should take care of what you are after. If using the NiMH internal battery, the output is 2.5 W, but if you use the Alkaline AAs in the other battery holder, you should get close to 5 W.

Harry, WD9FYF

On 03/07/2011 22:47, Mark Allyn wrote:
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> (you can look at some of my work on www.allyn.com). I feel that I
> should be able
> to make whatever metal fittings, brackets, etc for mounting the panels
> as well
> as the antennas.
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> ANTENNAS:
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> The configuration would be a 'v'. The antenna tuner and driven
> element is in the back. The front would be part of the ground
> plane.
>
> Both sides of the V would be 15 feet (I hope), or 12 feet
> (if 15 is not manageable)
>
> The two rods would extend at about 14 degrees from horizontal.
> Both antennas I am proposing would be in 5 foot 3/8th inch fiberglass
> rods. Each rod will have threaded brass sleeves so that I can screw
> them together.
>
> The rods will have copper wire (the actual electrical antenna) glued

> to the fiberglass them and soldered to the threaded sleeves.
>
> This way, I can dissassemble the two antennas and be able to bring
> the bicycle indoors or on board a bus/train.
>
> I am proposing 3 pieces for each antenna; ie; so that each one would
> be 15 feet long. If this proves to be too much, then I would do two
> 6 foot lengths for a total of 12 feet.
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> The back whip will have a loading coil in it's center as well as a small
> top hat on the top end.
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> I propose to use a heavy clip lead to 'tune' the coil to the band.
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> My approach for the rear antenna design is simiar to that suggested by
> the GM3VLB scotial bandhopper described on www.gm3vlb.com.
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> The front antanna would have a copper braid fastend to it's base. That
> copper braid would be fastened to the front pannier rack, the bicycle
> frame, and the rear pannier rack. This would form the ground for the
> bicycle. It's not much, but I don't have much to offer with a bicycle.
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> I am hoping that the two 15 (or 12) foot rods, along with bicycle ground,
> should be enough for 20, 15, and 10 meter operation, with perhaps limited
> 40 meter operation.
>
> I am making an assumption that I would be useless on 75 and 160 with this
> small rig. Any comments otherwise?
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> Truly,
>
> WA1SEY
> Mark Allyn
> Portland, Oregon
> www.allyn.com
> 971-563-7588
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> No virus found in this message.
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2542. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-09 04:10:48 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2542

Folks:

I am continuing to do research, especially in regards to the antenna and I would like to bounce something with you.

It seems that steel, stainless steel, and titaniums have a higher permeability than copper. This means that they will have higher resistive losses.

Based on this, I am making an assumption that a fiberglass rod, with insulated copper wire (of, say, 15 or 20 guage) glued to it would be better than either a stainless or titanium whip.

What I was originally thinkking was 1/4inch diameter titanium (in 5 or 6 foot sections which I can screw together). Titanium is lighter than stainless.

But with the permiability issue, this sounds like it's now out of consideration.

Am I at all thinking streight or did I miss someething?

Truly,

WA1SEY
Mark Allyn
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971-563-7588

2543. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-09 04:39:53 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2523 Message: 2543

A hamstick requires no ground, separates into two (about) four-foot sections for easier stowing, and costs only about $20 each. They can be tuned to a center frequency at home and then leave the tuner at home. I've repeatedly talked 1500 miles on 20m ssb with nine watts using one. I've found they like SSB better than CW.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2545. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-09 07:05:10 UTC
From: tomk3mov
Topic: 2523 Message: 2545

Mark,

One accessory I haven't seen mentioned is the MFJ 4416B Battery Voltge Booster <mailto:Booster@yahoogroups.com> (http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-4416B <http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-4416B>). It's obviously one more piece of equipment to carry, but it is worth its weight as it gives a steady sream of 13.8 volts output even as the batttery voltage input begins to decline.

73 es GL, Tom K3MOV

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> Folks;
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> I am planning to go bicycle and camping mobile.
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> I plan to have an inverted vee on my bike (home brew using
> fiberglass rods and transformer wire coiled around the rods);
> one rod driven and one rod connected to the bike frame as ground.
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> With this, I hope to get on 20, 15, and 10; maybee with luck on
> forty.
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> on the rear apron being very fragile and next to impossible to repair.
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> receiver is poor and that the radio is 'grossly non weatherized'.
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> I plan to mount the radio in a home made leather pouch (yes I do
> sewing, along with other hobbies) on the handlebars. It will have
> a detachable flexible clear plastic cover for the rain, however it
> will be impossible to keep completely dry.
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> I would like to hear back from anyone who has experience with either
> of the two radios.
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> Also, I would like to hear back from anyone who thinks that I am
crazy.
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> Thanks you
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> 73's
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2546. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-09 17:04:20 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2523 Message: 2546

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Mark Allyn <allyn@...> wrote:
> Based on this, I am making an assumption that a fiberglass rod, with
> insulated copper wire (of, say, 15 or 20 guage) glued to it would be
> better than either a stainless or titanium whip.

Mark: I recall posts from the HFPack group folks using a simple 9' (108") whip - picked because it's available for full-size CB antennas - with an autotuner at the antenna base; fed using a counterpoise wire (pedestrian mobile) or the bike frame as ground. Mechanically simple and you get frequency-agile coverage on multiple bands. A single-band equivalent would use a loading coil somewhere (center or base); a big enough adjustable coil gets multi-band coverage. Think something like a PAC-12, MP-1, or Buddistick (commercial or the home-brew version). From 1st-hand experience, I can say the MP-1 with a big 10-12' whip (!) works on 40 and 20M SSB at QRP power levels, at least in a contest situation, and on 17M (HFPack calling freq) where folks will look for and work a weak signal. Same MP-1 with a 3' whip has worked from a car on 20M and higher bands, but the car provides a much betetr ground plane vs a bike.

What I'd consider:
Run wire zip tied, taped, or glued to the longest bike flagpole I can find. Use a small autotuner (Elecraft T-1 or LDG) at the base. Counterpoise wire on bike frame and bike frame as ground. Possibly substitute bike flagpole with a shock-corded tent pole if it's stiff enough at the joints.

I was looking at my various telescoping poles last night wondering if I would risk any on my bike for use while in-motion. Both the MP-1 stock whip and MFJ 10-12' whip footer are both too flimsy. The extended Buddipole whip (9 ft I think) looks stronger so I might risk it at full or partial extension. The Buddipole shock-corded whips may be rugged enough but I don't have one to look at. The vendor and the yahoo group are very responsive to questions.

Or, replace the autotuner with a loading coil at/near the base or center of the antenna(esp if the pole splits into 2 section - I have one that does). Articles on making various homebrew packable verticals should get you started on coil dimensions. I'm thinking the info on building a homebrew buddipole in particular. If the pole is 1-piece, either cut and fabricate a joint, or just pull it down and clip to front of bike for loading onto the train.

If you buy rather than build, I think (in roughly increasing cost) mono-band hamsticks (and equivalents), the HF mobile antennas from HyGain, Diamond, and Comet, (maybe one of the Outbacks) and the MP-1 and Buddistick are the way to go. There are some recent posts in the Buddipole Yahoo group re: bike-mounting a Buddistick.

To re-iterate my previous post, if you get an FT857, I would remote mount the control head on the handlebars and stick the radio and batteries on a rear rack trunk or pannier where they are better protected from weather, collision, and won't affect bike handling. An 817 can be mounted on handlebars or placed in a handlebar bag, or you can mount a simple volume

control, PTT, and freq up/down buttons and stick the rig in the back if you are OK operating "blind".

73 Steve KS1G

2547. Buddipole

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-10 02:59:21 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2547 Message: 2547

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Posted by: "tomk3mov" tomk3mov@... tomk3mov
Tue Mar 8, 2011 6:29 am (PST)

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Can someone direct me to more information on these subjects?

Tnx es 73, Tom K3MOV

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Have you checkd the Buddipole Yahoo group archives? I assume Budd is using the trike which makes it a lot easier!

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

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2548. Re: [BMHA] Buddipole

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-10 05:27:18 UTC
From: Tom Baxter
Topic: 2547 Message: 2548

Barry,

I posted my question with Budd's Group the same I posted it here. Below is his response.
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HI Tom.....Budd here, on Tuesday morning.

Go to a trucker stop and check out the aluminum mirror mounts for CB whips.
  At about $10, they are an excellent buy. They will grab any handle-bar,
and if you crank down on the hardware, that makes a very sturdy mount.

On my trike, the continuity of all the parts is so good, I have never
fooled with a radial. The handlebars, the frame, the aluminum seat frame
and even the wheels show excellent continuity.

As the higher bands heat up, bike mobiling is going to get much more
popular.

I've borrowed bikes in Hawaii, St. Martin, St. Lucia, and all over the
States. I just take the bike clamp with me when I think I'm going to go
bike mobile. For portable use, if you can get a bike with a book rack on
the back, it's a nice place to mount the radio and/or the antenna.

Budd

--- On Wed, 3/9/11, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...> wrote:

From: Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Buddipole
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 9:59 PM

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2551. Re: (unknown)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-16 13:20:55 UTC
From: William
Topic: 290 Message: 2551

This site was removed because it was a sales pitch for Viagra and Cialis. I'm not sure how it got on the BMHA group.

However, Robin Williams once commented on bike racers using Viagra as a performance enhancing drug because it helped them ride long and hard. And it eliminated the need for them to carry a kickstand.

With appropriate connectors it might get us on 440 mhz.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, tipledan@... wrote:
>
> My virus protection STOPPED THIS with the notification to me that it was
> BLOCKED due to bugs.
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> In a message dated 3/15/2011 2:11:35 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
> n7net@... writes:
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2552. Re: (unknown)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-16 14:26:23 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 290 Message: 2552

The message was posted because I believe one of our log-time members may have clicked on a spam link that hijacked his mail. Preventing deliberate spam is one reason why we moderate new members. In this case it was a long-time member who is not moderated.

I have removed the offending post.

- Skip AA6WK
BMHA-Webmaster@...

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2553. Tour de Cure Brighton Michigan June 11 2011

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-20 22:47:33 UTC
From: brucefreeburger
Topic: 2553 Message: 2553

Folks,
I ride the Brighton Mi Tour de Cure every year, last year was my first as a ham. We had three hams that were bicycle mobile last year. For 2011 I set up a team called Amateur Radio on Bikes to both raise money for Diabetes and raise awareness of hams serving bicycle rides.
So far it's more Team Little Red Hen vs Team Red. I'm the only guy on my team. Entry fee is $15 and you have to raise $200 in pledges.
It is MUCH simpler to join my team at the same time you enter. Click on the "Click Here To Join My Team" on the lower right of my photo.
http://diabetes.brucefreeburger.com/

Thank You!
Bruce Freeburger
Kd8MFR

2554. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Saturday bike ride?? Creekside trail!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-21 15:23:12 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 2554 Message: 2554

Hello group!
Its that time of year again... the Hamvention is getting close, and I thought I better get some info out for those who are interested in taking their rolling hamshacks out for a spin on the trails of Dayton.
I thought that this year we would try out a different trail... The Creekside trail.Check out the trail on this interactive web site for the location and how to get there....
http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/Interactive-Maps.htm
I have looked at a few of the maps and gotten some feed back from one of the "locals" about the trails and was told we should try the "Creekside" trail. It is a 17+ mile trail that ends Xenia. It looks to be a very nice trail. Paved, with restroom stops with water ever so often. There are places to eat along the way.. and even a bike shop if it is still in business..
Here is a site with lots of info on the trail...
http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/creeks.htm
We will start on this trail at the 'north' end of the trail (green trace on interactive map) gathering at the parking area just north of the trail around 1:30 PM, and departing on the ride at 2PM. We will ride south a way, and return on the same trail. Afterward we will have something to eat in the local area, depending on what the group decides would be good place. There are several
The parking area / trail head is just north of the end of the green trace of the trail on the map. This is where the trail meets the "Mad river trail", which continues West into downtown Dayton.
We would enter the park, the "Eastwood metro park", to get to the parking area at the trail head, from "Harshman road",. Going South on Harshman road from the intersection of highway 4 and Harshman, take the 2nd road exit going west into the park.Follow the road to the larger parking area that the road takes a right angle turn to pass thru the parking lot. This is where we will start from.
Check it out on the Satellite view of the map to get a better idea where this is.
A few tips...
To get to the park, from Hara Arena..
Take Turner road and head east, this is a divided 4 lane road. After a while the road will be renamed Shoup mill road, and then a little farther on, renamed again as Needmore road. It will cross I-75. Keep going east on the 4 lane. it will turn southward, and at highway 201 it will be renamed Harshman road. Where it becomes Harshman Road, it will no longer be a divided road. Continue southward. on Harshman. After you cross under highway 4, Harshman becomes a divided highway again, and you are just about to the park. Continue south past the first road going west after hiway 4. . At the 2nd road going west, I believe there is a stop light. Turn west and go into the park. Then follow the road as mentioned before into the parking area at the trail head.

I hope that these instructions and map are clear enough for everyone..Even so, I will be on 146.55 Mhz simplex for talk in starting around 1:15 or so. Call KA0NCR if you run into problems finding the place and need help.
Please drop me an E-mail at KA0NCR at Yahoo.com letting me know you are planning to attend, and if you don't have a 2 Meter rig, I will send you my cell phone number. Either way we

will be sure to listen for you.
I have placed an order for good weather for the ride, so I hope to see lots of you there!
73 - Arnie - KA0NCR

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2555. Re: bike trailers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-23 00:57:43 UTC
From: macleodan@ymail.com
Topic: 2501 Message: 2555

What is the advantage of this over just using a tent?

One thing I have thought about but not tried is using the bike to support a hammock. Perhaps a trailer would help with this.

2556. HF Bike Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-23 01:40:47 UTC
From: macleodan@ymail.com
Topic: 2556 Message: 2556

Recently, I have been experimenting with bike antennas.

Construction of 15m antenna and ground system:
http://mm0hai.net/blog/2011/03/19/HF-Bicycle-Mobile-Experiment-Part-1.html

Testing - surprisingly good DX achieved:
http://mm0hai.net/blog/2011/03/21/HF-Bicycle-Mobile-Experiment-Part-2.html

Can anyone explain why the ground is improved with series capacitance? Is there a canonical way to tune this sort of system?

I wonder if a half wave would be better because it would not rely on a good ground. It would require loading coils at the ends though.

2557. Re: bike trailers

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-23 01:45:06 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2501 Message: 2557

I don't have a great deal of experience with a hammock. Can you provide some details as to how you propose to do this?

73 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "macleodan@..." <ymail@...> wrote:
>
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2558. Re: HF Bike Antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-03-23 01:56:42 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2556 Message: 2558

I've used ham sticks for QRP--3 to 4 watts on 20 and 40 on both a bicycle and a trike (It requires a stick for each band). I've tuned the antenna in question to a center frequency prior to departure and left the tuner at home. I'm a rag chewer, not a DXer, so my configuration doesn't work for everyone.

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2559. Dayton Hamvention 2011 BMHA Forum Details

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-02 12:34:39 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2559 Message: 2559

Here is what should appear in the program for the Dayton Hamvention for the BMHA Forum:

Sunday May 22, 2011 09:15 - 11:15

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (The 21st Annual BMHA forum at Hamvention)

Moderator/Speaker: Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
Speaker: Norm Huber, N9ZKS

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America got its start in 1989 when a QST article by Hartley Alley, NA0A asked hams who operate their radios while bicycle-mobile to get together and form a group. BMHA hosts a website along with the BMHA Yahoo Groups forum.

Norm Huber, N9ZKS, will present "Boy Scouts of America, Bicycling and Ham Radio. Three hobbies blended with service to others", his experiences with BSA combining Bicycling, Ham Radio and being a badge counselor.

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N, will present "Ride to my 50th High School Class Reunion", a recreation of the ride by NA0A that started BMHA.

We plan to have bicycle mobile displays and demonstrations of each will be conducted.

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

As noted, we hope to have bicycle displays so those who would like to display their bike setup, please bring yours, we will allow time after the main program for you to demonstrate and talk about it.

Hope to see many of you at this years forum.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

2560. Re: BMHA on Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-07 02:27:36 UTC
From: n2lrb@n2lrb.com
Topic: 2450 Message: 2560

A facebook page would be great!

Jose - N2LRB

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Bill V WA7NWP <wa7nwp@...> wrote:
>
> Howdy!
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> I had an opportunity to share about Amateur Radio and bicycling
> yesterday to an active touring couple on Facebook. Prior to giving
> them the bmha web link I searched on Facebook and didn't find
> anything. Did I need to search harder or is there nothing on
> Facebook yet?
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> 73
> Bill - WA7NWP
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2561. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-07 02:25:42 UTC
From: n2lrb@n2lrb.com
Topic: 2523 Message: 2561

In putting the radio on the handlebar, are you not concern that the vibration from bike riding will break something on the radio? Will you made a vibration dampener or some type of shock absorber?

Jose - N2LRB

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Mark Allyn <allyn@...> wrote:
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2562. [BMHA] Re: BMHA on Facebook

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-07 02:48:35 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2450 Message: 2562

There is a Facebook page

http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_158845360826987

You need to search by Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (not BMHA) and it is a closed group so you have to Join it and wait to be admitted before you can get onto the page.

>>> <n2lrb@...> 4/6/2011 8:27 PM >>>

A facebook page would be great!

Jose - N2LRB

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Bill V WA7NWP <wa7nwp@...> wrote:
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> Howdy!
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> I had an opportunity to share about Amateur Radio and bicycling
> yesterday to an active touring couple on Facebook. Prior to giving
> them the bmha web link I searched on Facebook and didn't find
> anything. Did I need to search harder or is there nothing on
> Facebook yet?
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2563. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-07 03:49:50 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2523 Message: 2563

I have thought of that; what I think I will be doing is using
a piece of foam to put behiand the control unit.

The radio (and Icom i 7000) has a separate control unit that
I can mount with a 1 inch thick piece of foam behind it so that
it can absorb shocks.

Truly,

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On Thu, 7 Apr 2011, n2lrb@... wrote:

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2564. Re: Dayton Hamvention BMHA Saturday bike ride?? Creekside trail!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-09 01:40:14 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 2554 Message: 2564

Bump, to ask if anyone is thinking they might like to do this ride..?

I'd Like to have some feedback to kind of plan on how many people to expect.... Please drop me a note if you even think you might be interested to "ka0ncr AT Yahoo.com" "AT" of course means "@"..

Its not a commitment to ride, I just want to get a feel for if anyone is going to show..

Thanks! Arnie KA0NCR

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Arnie Grubbs <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
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> Hello group!
> Its that time of year again... the Hamvention is getting close, and I thought I better get some info out for those who are interested in taking their rolling hamshacks out for a spin on the trails of Dayton.
> I thought that this year we would try out a different trail... The Creekside trail.Check out the trail on this interactive web site for the location and how to get there....
> http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/Interactive-Maps.htm
> I have looked at a few of the maps and gotten some feed back from one of the "locals" about the trails and was told we should try the "Creekside" trail. It is a 17+ mile trail that ends Xenia. It looks to be a very nice trail. Paved, with restroom stops with water ever so often. There are places to eat along the way.. and even a bike shop if it is still in business..
> Here is a site with lots of info on the trail...
> http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/creeks.htm
> We will start on this trail at the 'north' end of the trail (green trace on interactive map) gathering at the parking area just north of the trail around 1:30 PM, and departing on the ride at 2PM. We will ride south a way, and return on the same trail. Afterward we will have something to eat in the local area, depending on what the group decides would be good place. There are several
> The parking area / trail head is just north of the end of the green trace of the trail on the map. This is where the trail meets the "Mad river trail", which continues West into downtown Dayton.
> We would enter the park, the "Eastwood metro park", to get to the parking area at the trail head, from "Harshman road",. Going South on Harshman road from the intersection of highway 4 and Harshman, take the 2nd road exit going west into the park.Follow the road to the larger parking area that the road takes a right angle turn to pass thru the parking lot. This is where we will start from.
> Check it out on the Satellite view of the map to get a better idea where this is.
> A few tips...
> To get to the park, from Hara Arena..
> Take Turner road and head east, this is a divided 4 lane road. After a while the road will be renamed Shoup mill road, and then a little farther on, renamed again as Needmore road. It will cross I-75. Keep going east on the 4 lane. it will turn southward, and at

highway 201 it will be renamed Harshman road. Where it becomes Harshman Road, it will no longer be a divided road. Continue southward. on Harshman. After you cross under highway 4, Harshman becomes a divided highway again, and you are just about to the park. Continue south past the first road going west after hiway 4. . At the 2nd road going west, I believe there is a stop light. Turn west and go into the park. Then follow the road as mentioned before into the parking area at the trail head.
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> I hope that these instructions and map are clear enough for everyone..Even so, I will be on 146.55 Mhz simplex for talk in starting around 1:15 or so. Call KA0NCR if you run into problems finding the place and need help.
> Please drop me an E-mail at KA0NCR at Yahoo.com letting me know you are planning to attend, and if you don't have a 2 Meter rig, I will send you my cell phone number. Either way we will be sure to listen for you.
> I have placed an order for good weather for the ride, so I hope to see lots of you there!
> 73 - Arnie - KA0NCR
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2565. Re: [BMHA] Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-10 03:11:45 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2523 Message: 2565

To jump in here a bit: I have a 857D. It has ventilation holes. It's designed to be mounted in a car, and would have to be separately weatherproofed.

What sort of greater than 5W VHF/UHF rigs are people using on bicycles?

On 04/06/2011 09:25 PM, n2lrb@... wrote:
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2566. Mounts and headsets

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-10 03:23:28 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2566 Message: 2566

Hi folks,

I've been riding bicycle mobile for a little while now, and appreciate the suggestions I've had from people on this group getting me started. I've collected them at http://wiki.complete.org/BicycleMobileAmateurRadio

I ride with my Yaesu VX-7R 5W HT and a NMO 5/8 wave (on 2m) antenna mounted on my bike rack. I can hit one nearby repeater reliably, and one 40 miles away for part of my 10-mile commute.

My weak spots are two: the mount for the radio and the headset.

I like the VX-7R setup in part because the VX-7R is already waterproof, the internal battery will easily last for the 2 hours I could spend on the bike in a day, and thus it is a simple setup. I can also listen to FM broadcast radio if I like. More power would be nice someday, so I'm also all ears for suggestions on other small, easy rigs.

I've had a terrible time finding a mount for it. I want it on the handlebars so I can see the screen and change stations, turn on/off the FM broadcast reception, etc. I've struck out at both bicycle and ham radio stores. I bought a SM327 "universal mount" from Arkon, but due to the thickness of the radio and the placement of the side buttons, it doesn't achieve the most secure mount. I ride 3 miles each way on non-paved roads and the radio has more than once been jolted out of its mount. Fortunately it has never become caught in my front wheel spokes, and I certainly want to keep it that way.

The second problem is the headset. I bought a Pryme SPM-400D [1] boom headset. The concept is pretty nice. It has a remote PTT button with a small velcro strap on the back, which I can attach to the handlebars at a convenient spot. I added some foam around the mic to cut the wind and it performs well. Problem is, the way the earpiece attaches to my ear hurts. A lot. I think my ear is too big for it or maybe my helmet straps push it against the ear too much.

In any case, most of the headset options I see have the PTT button clip onto a shirt -- not helpful.

Any ideas for me here?

[1] http://is.gd/jr64rX

Thanks,

John
KR0L

2567. Re: Yaesu ft 957D versus Icom IC 7000 for bicycle operation

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-10 11:06:23 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 2523 Message: 2567

I Run the IC-7000 Mobile and love it, I bought a second one to use Portable but rarely do because once you get it out in the full sun or bright daylight it becomes impossible to see the display, so I use the Kenwood TS-50 on the beach or picnic table, so something to check.

Jim N8DOD

2568. Re: Mounts and headsets

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-11 17:46:16 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2566 Message: 2568

John:

See messages #2435 and #2332 for what I'm using with a VX5 and VX8. There are photos of at least the VX8 setup under my call in the Photos section.

I had problems with the Pryme headset (our ears and helmets must be similar!). I think I mention in the messages (or search for other posts where I discuss headsets) a lightweight headset I think works better.

73 Steve KS1G

2569. Hamvention BMHA Forum Additional Information

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-20 02:23:49 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2569 Message: 2569

Here are more details for the Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum on May 22nd. We encourage any to bring their bicycle and radio setup to the forum room. We will set aside time for you to display your setup and demonstrate to the group. In addition to the program speakers, we will have free Adventure Cycling magazines, 10 free Adventure Cycling memberships to be given away and a few decals to be given out. There is also a BMHA Bike ride on Saturday May 21st, see Arnie, KA0NCR's message for the details. Come and ride, have a good time at the Hamvention and attend the BMHA forum.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

2570. 20M SSB bicycle and pedestrian mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-24 17:09:40 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2570 Message: 2570

As the weather here in the UK has been so good, I have been out over the last few days pedestrian and bicycle mobile by the edge of the sea in Blackpool England, cycling along the promenade for about 4 miles.

On Friday afternoon I was out pedestrian mobile with fair propagation into USA, Canada and South America.

Went out bicycle mobile Saturday arriving at 0700L at my favourite location near the water. Although it was low tide the band was in excellent shape.

I was joined by Stephen G7DIE car mobile, who was operating about 4 miles south of me.

We joined forces and had several QSO's into VK2, VK3, VK6, W6, and E51 (cook Island)in all about 40 really good longpath DX QSO's, most reports were 59 both ways.

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The suprising thing was that the band stayed open on the longpath to VK and ZL
until 1000L with signals still 59+ even then.

Stephen G7DIE joined me at about 0900 and can bear witness to the very strong longpath signals still present at 1000L from VK.

All in all a very enjoyable morning and well worth the effort on getting up early!

73's ...

Dave G4AKC

2571. Re: 20M SSB bicycle and pedestrian mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-24 17:48:29 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2570 Message: 2571

Dave,

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Press on my friend, you're turning mobile QRP on it's ear.

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2572. Re: 20M SSB bicycle and pedestrian mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-25 09:47:26 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2570 Message: 2572

Hi Scott,

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2573. Re: 20M SSB bicycle and pedestrian mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-25 17:34:15 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2570 Message: 2573

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Thanks for the swift response.

You can see my current setup in the photo section--N7NET's Stuff. It's called HF Trike, next to the last photo.

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-04-28 10:53:27 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2570 Message: 2574

Hi Scott,

The trike looks great!

We must arrange a sked soon ... I have talked to quite a few bike mobilers from my bike, bike to bike on 20M SSB including Budd W3FF/BM and W9XS/BM.

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> > It may be a project for later this year, as I am hoping for some early retirement from work and so I can enjoy the finer things in life like bicycle mobile!
> >
> > Been out again this morning 0600 GMT for a couple of hours and the long-path just as good as yesterday into VK and ZL so had a great time and got back a short while ago.
> >
> > Keep in touch and 73's ...
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> > Dave G4AKC
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> > --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "n7net" <n7net@> wrote:
> > >
> > > Dave,
> > >
> > > Great work. I've done 20m and 40m using a Bike Friday bike and a Sun trike, launching a QRP signal from the North Texas prairie with a ham stick. Though my accomplishments don't nearly approach yours I've had fun. The trike is heavier and slower, but it works better for me because if I decide to stop and chat, CW or SSB, I have a place to set while it happens, hi.
> > >
> > > Press on my friend, you're turning mobile QRP on it's ear.
> > >
> > > 72 de Scott/n7net
> > >
> > > --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "g4akc_mobile" <davidandtracy@> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > As the weather here in the UK has been so good, I have been out over the last few days pedestrian and bicycle mobile by the edge of the sea in Blackpool England, cycling along the promenade for about 4 miles.
> > > >
> > > > On Friday afternoon I was out pedestrian mobile with fair propagation into USA, Canada and South America.
> > > >
> > > > Went out bicycle mobile Saturday arriving at 0700L at my favourite location near the water. Although it was low tide the band was in excellent shape.
> > > >
> > > > I was joined by Stephen G7DIE car mobile, who was operating about 4 miles south of me.
> > > >
> > > > We joined forces and had several QSO's into VK2, VK3, VK6, W6, and E51 (cook Island)in all about 40 really good longpath DX QSO's, most reports were 59 both ways.
> > > >
> > > > Today(Sunday)been out pedestrian again with outstanding long-path band conditions, working with low power into VK and ZL with power down to less than 1 Watt at times with

good copy into VK.
> > > > Worked more than 100 VK and ZL stations between 0700L and 1100L time most of the time running 50 to 100W.
> > > >
> > > > The suprising thing was that the band stayed open on the longpath to VK and ZL
> > > > until 1000L with signals still 59+ even then.
> > > > >
> > > > Stephen G7DIE joined me at about 0900 and can bear witness to the very strong longpath signals still present at 1000L from VK.
> > > > >
> > > > All in all a very enjoyable morning and well worth the effort on getting up early!
> > > > >
> > > > 73's ...
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> > > > Dave G4AKC
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2575. BMHA Forum at Dayton Hamvention Coming Soon

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-16 18:47:10 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2575 Message: 2575

Just a reminder of the BMHA Forum at the 2011 Dayton Hamvention on May 22nd at 9:15 in Room 5. The forum is from 9:15-11:15 in Room 5. The room is large so bring your bicycle setup with you if you wish, display the setup and if you need time to talk about it, we will give you time on the program. I will have Adventure Cycling magazines to give away along with 10 free memberships to Adventure Cycling.

See the BMHA website for details about the BMHA bike ride to be held on May 21 on one of the local Dayton bike trails. Meet your BMHA friends, ride a few miles and have a bite to eat.

Hope to see many of you at the forum on Sunday, May 22nd.

Mike, NF0N
forum moderator
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

2576. Dayton Bike Ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-16 22:32:27 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 2576 Message: 2576

I am wondering if I could 'tag' along for the ride from Hara to the park with my bike Saturday?

Also, is there a booth where members can meet at to socialize?

James W8ISS

2577. Re: Dayton Bike Ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-17 00:47:30 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2576 Message: 2577

James,

Yes of course, everyone is welcome to join the ride, come and ride with us. As far as a booth or meeting place, we did not set up anything like that this year. Just the ride on Saturday and the forum on Sunday which you are also welcome to attend, would like to meet you there.

Mike
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>
> James W8ISS
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2578. Reply to W5AOX

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-17 03:27:16 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2578 Message: 2578

Jim, for some reason I can't get a reply to you, it is flagging me as spam I think.

Here is my reply:

Jim,

We usually don't carry the radio as all the frequencies seem to be used or overused. We park in the vendor parking lot as close to the Silver Arena entrance as we can. Our vehicle is a red ford transit van, sort of hard to miss. On Saturday we will be near the Silver Arena entrance as that is where the HF Packers have their meeting just outside the arena. Both Arnie, KA0NCR and I will be at that entrance between 12:30 and 1:00. If you can meet us there we can load you up and go to the ride. We are planning on bringing a rack to carry at least two additional bikes, ours will fit inside. My phone is 712-223-3164 which might be best to try to call me.

Mike

2579. Re: [BMHA] Reply to W5AOX

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-17 11:30:23 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 2578 Message: 2579

Hello Mike.

Thanks for your reply about any central meeting place at Hamvention itself. I am not sure yet if I will be staying for Sunday or not yet. I am giving myself till Thursday morning to make that decision.

This was what I was meaning in my recent message about 'tagging' along. I was referring to getting a lift for me and my bike. As I have no idea about directions from Hara (yes, I have read the directions posted on the website), I get easily get 'Lost' until I know my way around better....:)

If there is not room for me and my bike with someone, I could offer someone a ride as my rack can handle two bikes if there is anyone that needs a lift and can't find one.

I will monitor the list until Friday morning about 9:30am to see if there are any offers or needs as that is when I am planning to head down to Hamvention.

James W8ISS
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2580. Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride.. The trail looks good!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-19 23:10:50 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 2580 Message: 2580

Hello Group!
Mike, NF0N and myself (KA0NCR) went out to check out the trail today, and it looks likeit will be a nice one. We made it 15+ miles, just about to Xenia station, before it startedto rain. We turned around and headed back, with rain varying between a mist to a goodrain soaking.   Other than the rain, we had a good time.
The weather forecast right now for Saturday is partly sunny, high about 80 and a wind from 3-6 mph.   All in all it looks like it will be a good time!
I hope that there will be a good sized group that shows up to ride!
73 - Arnie KA0NCR

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2581. Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 03:49:08 UTC
From: ab8xa
Topic: 2581 Message: 2581

What's the maximum recommended antenna height above ground. I know from RVing the standard overpass is 13' 6", but how often does one come across these?

Thanks!
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Moe

2582. Re: Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 11:02:40 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2581 Message: 2582

Moe,

I don't know if 13'6" is a law or a regulation, but I know you can be cited for being on the roadway with anything taller.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2583. Re: [BMHA] Re: Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 13:06:58 UTC
From: AB8XA
Topic: 2581 Message: 2583

That's reason enough for me, Scott. Thank you!

For now, I'll be using my KX1 and don't see sending Morse Code while pedaling--rather finding a spot to sit in the mobile lawn chair, i.e. the seat of my old folks' Terra Trike Rover tadpole trike, and operating from that with a counterpoise out. I'm going to try to mount my Buddipole Low Band Vertical on the headrest, using a homemade mount, depicted in red in the photo in my AB8XA group album:

http://yhoo.it/kpNwYd

The top of the mount will be 37" above the ground, which with the VersaTee, low band coil, and 9.5 foot telescoping whip, will total 13' 3-5/8". I may need to raise that slightly to clear the back of my helmet (we'll see). Just planning ahead in case I eventually get the new all-mode KX3, which would give the option of phone when underway.

73 and thanks for your response.

Any other suggestions?
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Moe - AB8XA
Elecraft KX1 #2484, Fists #13020, SKCC #7460,
FPQRP #2617, NAQCC #5352, QRP-ARCI #14326

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2584. Re: Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 13:52:26 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2581 Message: 2584

Moe,

I ride a trike too, a Sun. I use a hamstick antenna because they don't require a counterpoise. But they aren't nearly as effective as your Buddi Pole, either. I have an aging pair of MFJs, 9420 and 9040. I do SSB on the run, but I have to stop for code and I send with a KY-116/U I found at a hamfest. Some folks call it a Jeep key because it was used by the forward artillery spotters.

Band conditions are improving.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2585. Re: [BMHA] Re: Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 14:53:40 UTC
From: AB8XA
Topic: 2581 Message: 2585

Nice trike, Scott! I can get into a Sun tadpole, but can't get out very gracefully, LOL!

I may try to relocate the KDP1 iambic key to under the right side grip with a 3.5mm stereo extension cord. The Rover uses a twist grip shifter, so it may be tricky.

Going to spend a lot of time with the MFJ-269B getting the best coil and radial settings. Hopefully, the tuner in the KX1 will help with the narrow bandwidth.

This sounds like it's going to be a blast!

Thanks for your help, and 73!
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Moe - AB8XA
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2586. RE: [BMHA] Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 16:22:41 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 2581 Message: 2586

Road: 13'6". Bike paths: probably around 8 or 9'. Gobi desert: how tall
can you make it without flipping over or breaking the support (trike frame)?
Your limiting factors are the strength of the base (the trike) and overhead
obstacles. Also the weight and wind-loading of the antenna come into play.
You don't want it to act as a giant lever and flip you over.

V/r

Jack KE4LWT

-9 Bicycle Mobile

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of ab8xa
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2011 5:49 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

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RVing the standard overpass is 13' 6", but how often does one come across
these?

Thanks!
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Moe

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2587. Re: [BMHA] Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 16:35:25 UTC
From: AB8XA
Topic: 2581 Message: 2587

Thanks, Jack! Great advice!

73
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Moe - AB8XA
Elecraft KX1 #2484, Fists #13020, SKCC #7460,
FPQRP #2617, NAQCC #5352, QRP-ARCI #14326

On May 23, 2011, at 12:22 PM, Jack Smith wrote:

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2588. Re: Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 18:40:16 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2581 Message: 2588

Moe,
From the Federal Highway Administration:

http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/sw/overview/index.htm

"No federal vehicle height limit is imposed. State standards range from 13.6 feet to 14.6 feet."

I suspect that your maximum is going to be a practical or engineering maximum rather than a legal maximum standard. Based on riding across the USA last year I would say that on the road in most states you would be able to either take things slowly enough that your whip would flex as you went under obstacles. However off the road I can think of things that I would not want to contact that could be considerably lower. In many parts of the country I saw three wire power points of entry. I would hate to hit a hot lead with bad insulation and become a 100+ amp path to ground. Also in Wyoming I went through some thunder storms that made me wish that I was much shorter. (lightning strikes very uncomfortably close) The other question that I have is what will the experience of a whip strike be with the bike. If you hit an angled tree limb what will the resulting roll moment be like on the bike? While much of OR, ID, MT, WY,CO,KS,MO and IL would have little trees to hit. Going across KY and VA would be long days of BONG...BONG...BONG.

My recommendation is experiment. Figure out a way to shorten or pull down the whip and go out and ride it. My bet is the best platform will be a trike possibly even with a long tongue hanging off the back and a whip flexible enough that you can bend it in one long arc down to the front for low crossings. Send us pictures of what you come up with.
Dean
KJ6CQC

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2589. Re: [BMHA] Re: Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-23 23:27:38 UTC
From: AB8XA
Topic: 2581 Message: 2589

Thanks, Dean!

I got a piece of 1/8" x 2" x 36" aluminum and made a bracket held on by bungies.

Pictures are in my AB8XA Photo Album, including the KX1. Looking for comments/suggestions on this implementation.

http://yhoo.it/lLSgzq

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Moe - AB8XA
Elecraft KX1 #2484, Fists #13020, SKCC #7460,
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On May 23, 2011, at 2:40 PM, stegnography wrote:

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2590. Re: [BMHA] Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-24 04:43:32 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2581 Message: 2590

I have seen tree branches as low as about 10 feet above the ground.

If you ride on sidewalks, some building canopies are about 7 feet off
the ground.

Now, that's an interesting question. . . .

If my antenna on my bike rips an expensive canopy of, say, the Waldorf
Astoria Hotel as I am walking my ham radio bicycle on the sidewalk; who
is liable?

Truly,

Mark Allyn
Portland, Oregon
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On Mon, 23 May 2011, ab8xa wrote:

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> Moe
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2591. Icom 208h

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-24 00:24:11 UTC
From: James
Topic: 2591 Message: 2591

I have a Icom 208h mounted on my bike for public service events such as walks and bike ride. Anyone have any suggestions on how to connect a headset with ppt on the handle bars to the radio, it uses a rj-45 connector.

thanks
jim kb1jkj

2592. Re: [BMHA] Icom 208h

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-24 04:54:16 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2591 Message: 2592

I know that Ham Radio Outlet has something that can do this. I called them once to ask if it was possible. They said yes, and mentioned some brand or unit, but I forgot what it was; it was quite a while ago.

Truly,

Mark Allyn
Portland, Oregon
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On Tue, 24 May 2011, James wrote:

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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.
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> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for questions and/or suggestions.
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2593. Re: [BMHA] Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-24 10:37:08 UTC
From: AB8XA
Topic: 2581 Message: 2593

Thanks, Mark. The tree branches on bike trails are the biggest threat around here. I'll wind up riding with the antenna collapsed on those, operating at the rest stations.

As far as liability...I'm sure they have insurance.
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Moe - AB8XA
Elecraft KX1 #2484, Fists #13020, SKCC #7460,
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On May 24, 2011, at 12:43 AM, Mark Allyn wrote:

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2594. Re: [BMHA] Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-24 15:31:28 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2581 Message: 2594

Moe:

Thanks for the suggestion. I am still working on the antenna (home brew) and designing a quick and easy way to collapse it.

I am also taking a more critical look at all of my various routes for low hanging stuff.

For those of you in Portland, Oregon; the downtown sidewalks are *littered* with low conopies and awnings. This is why I have asked the liability questions.

Since I don't have a car, and no car insuarance. I don't have liability. If it damanage a canopy, I hope it's the owner's liability since they put it over a public sidewalk.

The antenna, by the way will consist of a six foot fiberglass rod with 1/16 inch diameter copper wire glued to it. At the top end of this rod will be a loading coil with a clip lead connected to a 4 foot 1/4 inch diameter titanium whip.

Both the rod and the whip will be easily removable on the road. I plan to be able to bungie them to the frame of the bike if I have to ride in low places.

Truly,

Mark Allyn
Portland, Oregon
www.allyn.com
971-563-7588

On Tue, 24 May 2011, AB8XA wrote:

> Thanks, Mark. The tree branches on bike trails are the biggest threat around here. I'll wind up riding with the antenna collapsed on those, operating at the rest stations.
>
> As far as liability...I'm sure they have insurance.
> --
> Moe - AB8XA
> Elecraft KX1 #2484, Fists #13020, SKCC #7460,
> FPQRP #2617, NAQCC #5352, QRP-ARCI #14326
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> On May 24, 2011, at 12:43 AM, Mark Allyn wrote:

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2595. RE: [BMHA] Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-24 16:24:33 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 2581 Message: 2595

Probably you. That's a fixed permanent fixture that you "collided" with.
At least that's my non-lawyerly guesstimate.

Jack KE4LWT

KE4LWT-9 Bicycle Mobile

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Mark
Allyn
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 6:44 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Max recommended trike mobile antenna height

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2596. Elecraft KX3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-25 16:50:33 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2596 Message: 2596

And don't forget a bicycle (or motorcycle) handlebar mount, Wayne!

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

5b.
Re: Some form of carry strap/handle
Posted by: "Wayne Burdick" n6kr@... mas0n22
Tue May 24, 2011 3:13 pm (PDT)

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Wayne

2597. Re: Elecraft KX3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-26 16:29:48 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2596 Message: 2597

For a bike mount, I think any of the various RAM-Mounts designs would work using the fitting the info sheet says is on the back of the case(RAM's minimal zip-tie mount excepted - while it works fine for an HT, it is probably not strong enough for anything larger) along with decent weather protection for the radio. Weather protection would also benefit pedestrian-mobile users.

73, Steve KS1G

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2598. Re: Elecraft KX3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-26 21:11:08 UTC
From: n2lrb@n2lrb.com
Topic: 2596 Message: 2598

Is it just me or does no one else worry about the effect of vibration on the radio on either a bike or motorcycle?

Jose B. Rivera
N2LRB

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2599. Re: Elecraft KX3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-26 21:58:50 UTC
From: wb0dsf
Topic: 2596 Message: 2599

Sure I worry about it, but I've had a VX-8 bolted to my bicycle for 3 years (1500 miles) and it's still working fine. I will be disappointed if/when it fails, but I've had lots of enjoyment so far.
73
Bob

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2600. Re: Elecraft KX3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-26 21:59:24 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2596 Message: 2600

It's just you ;?] Actually there are at least a few schools of thought on vibration and electronics on bikes.
Some folks insist that mounting even an HT on the handlebars will damage the radio, break the RF connector because of weight and vibration of the cable and connector, etc, etc.
Me, I like to USE my radios. If they fall apart I either repair or replace them. I have anal ham buddies who refuse to even TRY the radio until everything is planned out in advance, all precautions taken, etc. Me, I like to lash it on, try it out, and see if and how it works, and adapt mounts, antennas, batteries, etc, as I go and grow in experience with the radio(s) on the bike. I never arrive at a "perfect" system because at some point the temporary solution turns out to be acceptably robust and I just continue using the radio and other electronics as is.
My particular example is my Kenwood TH-D7A, which has never had a reputation for ruggedness. In spite of that I have used mine for over FOUR YEARS on my bike, commuting year round, 5 days a week, 3500+ miles per year, missing only on days that are too slippery to allow safe passage on 2 wheels. I cannot recall a vibration issue with this radio, though I did burn out one of the antenna switching diodes internally when I transmitted into a broken antenna one too many times. I rode for several months with only the radio belt clip clamped onto a handlebar bracket. Then I graduated to an aluminum bracket which kept me occupied for several more months. Worrying about the constant vibration, yet not having experienced any issues, I fabricated a homebrew mount system using RAM mounts and a "sandwich" of foam packing material between two mounting plates to absorb some of the vibration.
In short, I have enjoyed YEARS of bicycle-mobile using VHF and UHF thru the D7 (and HF via a nearby remote base) with no vibration issues. If I paid a few thousand for a KX3 I suppose I'd worry a bit more about it, but a simple sandwich mount as described would ease my fears. Most of the bike-HF'ers I read about keep their HF rig in a pannier or pack safely wrapped (and the antenna folded up and tied down) until they arrive at a desired stopping point whereupon they set up the radio and antenna to operate quasi-portable. Years ago I talked to a bicycle-mobile ham in Boston (from NM) IN MOTION, on 10 meter SSB, running 25 Watts to a quarter wave steel whip, with a lead acid battery running the radio.... I want to do that myself someday, especially when 10 gets hot again.
Jim W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/w5aox-6 bike-mobile APRS tracker

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2601. Re: [BMHA] Re: Elecraft KX3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-26 22:56:57 UTC
From: Wayne Burdick
Topic: 2596 Message: 2601

Shock and vibration are serious concerns in any vehicle application. I'm not sure what level of testing and specification of these parameters is practical for the KX3.

I would certainly avoid mounting it rigidly to a frame member that is going to be subjected to undamped impact. Are there damped mounts available for bike-mounted electronics in general? The KX3's own mobile mount will include a small amount of damping (foam pads between the mount and the radio).

The KX3 without batteries weighs about 18 ounces. This might help when looking at mounts.

Wayne
N6KR

On May 26, 2011, at 2:11 PM, n2lrb@... wrote:

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2602. bike-mounted KX3 audio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-26 22:08:07 UTC
From: Wayne Burdick
Topic: 2596 Message: 2602

The internal speaker on the KX3 is very small, quite adequate for a reasonably quiet operating environment but probably not up to outdoor operating in a stiff breeze or traffic noise. The single speaker also doesn't take advantage of the KX3's audio effects (simulated stereo, binaural pitch mapping, and dual watch).

A pair of miniature powered speakers would solve both problems. Has anyone used bike-mounted stereo speakers that they'd recommend for this application? If something decent is available, we'd like to mention it in the KX3 manual, or possibly even offer them as an accessory.

Wayne
N6KR

2603. Re: Elecraft KX3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-26 23:16:09 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2596 Message: 2603

I've been using a Radio Shack 202 HT on and off the bike for close to 20 years. It still works. When I was still working I kept an Icom 2m mobile on the dash of several tractors, some air ride and some not. After thousands of miles back east on I-80 and I-95 I finally cracked a circuit board, and I replaced the radio, but I certainly wouldn't worry about an HT.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2604. Vibration

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-26 23:30:17 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2604 Message: 2604

I have put 113,000 miles on my '05 Wing with D700 radio in the trunk and control head on a RAM mount on the faux tank. My only failure was a home made cable to my helmet speaker/mike and handle bar mounted PTT button. Before that it was a D7 on my 1200 for about 30.000 miles. I have a mount (See past issue of newsletter) to carry my D7 and Garmin V on my bicycles, track bike fixed and Giant 980C. Early on there were a number of owners of SMA equipped radios had problems with antenna connectors. Rule I follow is to insure I use one of the adapter cables with a SMA connector at the radio and the PL connector and heavy cable not hanging from the radio.
Guess I have to say, I've got it to use it.
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~~~~~~
- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 113,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
-
http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10,n9zks-12&radar=***
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2605. Re: bike-mounted KX3 audio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-27 10:53:19 UTC
From: Lynn DeHart
Topic: 2596 Message: 2605

I have been reading all of the comments abt the new KX3.

Has anyone have a handle with the KX3 will be released for sale.

Lynn - KB3FN

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2606. Re: [BMHA] Digest Number 956

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-27 13:58:09 UTC
From: Robert Nickels
Topic: 2606 Message: 2606

On 5/27/2011 5:43 AM, BMHA@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> there are at least a few schools of thought on vibration and
> electronics on bikes.

Speaking of that - has anyone had any experience with Audio Bike speakers?

http://www.audiobike.com/

73, Bob W9RAN

2607. Vibration Destroys Electronics.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-27 21:13:04 UTC
From: Dean McCollom
Topic: 2607 Message: 2607

I Rode 4303 miles on the TransAm last year. I had my radio on a chest harness and it survived beautifully. I had a SPOT tracker on my Stem and I killed it. I have been thinking about mounting stratagies for radios. Are people interested in a Vibration Isolation mount for their bike and how much would you be willing to spend?
Dean

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Dean McCollom
Cell 831-239-4118

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2608. Re: Vibration Destroys Electronics.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-27 22:11:25 UTC
From: n2lrb@n2lrb.com
Topic: 2607 Message: 2608

I would be interested. About $100 tops.

Jose - N2LRB

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Dean McCollom <dmccollom@...> wrote:
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2609. Re: [BMHA] Vibration Destroys Electronics.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-28 03:18:24 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2607 Message: 2609

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2610. Re: [BMHA] Vibration Destroys Electronics.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-28 16:19:18 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 2607 Message: 2610

I think for my upcomming bicycle installation; the radio (Icom IC 7000) will in in a pannier bag. The remote front panel will be on a piece of 1 inch thick foam.

The bicycle (which I have not yet purchased) will be a Dutch style heavy duty bicycle with a sturdy frame.

Truly,

Mark Allyn
WA1SEY
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On Fri, 27 May 2011, Mickey Applebaum wrote:

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2611. KX3 and SPOT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-28 16:43:29 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2611 Message: 2611

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1a.

Re: bike-mounted KX3 audio

Posted by: "Lynn DeHart"
lwdehart@verizon.net

kb3fn2000

Fri May 27, 2011 3:53 am (PDT)

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Posted by: "Dean McCollom"
dmccollom@...

stegnography

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2612. Re: [BMHA] KX3 and SPOT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-28 17:21:24 UTC
From: Paul Gates
Topic: 2611 Message: 2612

I learned a lesson beginning back in the 70s.

1, Never buy a new car as soon as they are available. And this applies to radios! <g> i am thinking you can figure out the reason.
2, Never buy a new car if the employees are going on a strike soon. Wait till the strike is over
for a few weeks. Purchase a new car the last day of the month. You get the best deals when the sales people are looking at their sales for the month.

3 Now I admire all of you who getting a new KX3 and Amp first on the block! When I get my KX3 and Amp I will expect all the kinks worked out and all the new versions installed. I have no problem waiting.

Paul, KD3JF

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From: Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2011 12:43 PM
Subject: [BMHA] KX3 and SPOT

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Re: bike-mounted KX3 audio

Posted by: "Lynn DeHart"
lwdehart@...

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2613. SPOT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-29 13:21:32 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2611 Message: 2613

You will have to read the blogging of my trip to get the whole story but I ended up spending an extra day on HWY 12 on my way into Montana. I had family that was concerned that they hadn't heard from me so I picked up a spot for them to keep track of me. I had it mounted on the stem from MT through Colorado Springs. I believe that the rough roads in WY just shook the thing to death and then it gave up the ghost in CO. I replaced the unit and mounted it on my gear in my trailer and haven't had any trouble since. I am thinking about a better antenna implementation and APRS. I am noodling the vibration issue and have some ideas. Does anyone have any ideas for finding what frequency the vibration on a bike is?

Dean

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2614. Bluetooth

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-30 03:39:06 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2614 Message: 2614

Has anyone had any experience with a bluetooth headset? I know the VX-8DR has an optional bluetooth unit, but I don't think that's going to be in the cards for me. I have a VX-7R and will probably get a Kenwood TH-D72A soon.

http://www.mckayproducts.com/store/Bluetooth.htm are the only ones I've found so far, and it is rather unclear to me if any of those will work with either of the radios I have.

What have people tried and what have you found works? The idea of not being lashed to my bicycle is, I must say, appealing.

-- John

2615. KX3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-30 04:53:42 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2615 Message: 2615

Re: KX3 and SPOT

Posted by: "Paul Gates"
paulgates80@...

paulgates80

Sat May 28, 2011 10:21 am (PDT)

I learned a lesson beginning back in the 70s.

1, Never buy a new car as soon as they are available. And this applies to radios! <g> i

am thinking you can figure out the reason.

2, Never buy a new car if the employees are going on a strike soon. Wait till the strike is over

for a few weeks. Purchase a new car the last day of the month. You get the best deals when the sales people are looking at their sales for the month.

3 Now I admire all of you who getting a new KX3 and Amp first on the block! When I get my KX3 and Amp I will expect all the kinks worked out and all the new versions installed. I have no problem waiting.

Paul, KD3JF

_____ _____ _____ __The KX3 appears to be largely software-defined so revisions should be easy to install. Even the K2 revisions I have had for my #1364 were pretty minor. I have faith in Elecraft.

73, Barry
VE7VIE

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2616. Re: Bluetooth

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-30 17:34:23 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2614 Message: 2616

I have tried one the McKay units. It works fine. As long as you have a radio with one of the supported mike plugs for the bluetooth adaptor. I forget if the VX7 is supported (I think so, my VX5 was not). You can probably pair it with other bt headsets, and the separate PTT button is a great feature (you can mount it on handlebars or near brifters and keep both hands on the bike).

I agree - no wires between me and the bike is GREAT!

The problem with BT headsets is wind noise. Some wired boom headsets address this, I have a McKay lightweight headset for the VX5 that works reasonably well. BT ones generally don't.

Oh, it means more batteries to worry about running down on a long ride. As I experienced on a century ride where the headset I used with my VX8 quit part-way thru. Bring something to use as a backup.

73 Steve KS1G

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, John Goerzen <jgoerzen@...> wrote:
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> http://www.mckayproducts.com/store/Bluetooth.htm are the only ones I've
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2617. Re: Bluetooth

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-31 02:53:50 UTC
From: w0rmt
Topic: 2614 Message: 2617

Folks-

does anyone know if the McKay model 3803 for ICOM works with ICOM amateur HT's? Not sure about those locking screws on the adapter in the photo. It is unclear from their webpage if these work with the amateur radios. I too would love some sort of BT option for my HT while commuting to work on the bike.

73 de Bud
W0RMT

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> > found so far, and it is rather unclear to me if any of those will work
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2618. Re: SPOT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-31 15:39:07 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2611 Message: 2618

I only have about 10,000 miles on my original TH-D7 running APRS to a bike-flagpole J Pole No vibration issues with the D7, and I've had to repair the homebrew J Pole a couple times in the last year of daily commuting over some very rough roads and intersections. I've had bike forks and frames crack, and fenders crack and fall off, but no damage to the electronics, thank goodness.
I loaned one of my spare APRS setups and a J Pole to a cross country family on a 5-seater bicycle and it made it from NM to Northern CA before it was destroyed when the bike trailer caught fire and burned to ashes. THAT loss was caused by a vibration issue: The insulation between the 10 AA Nicad cells rubbed through, allowing a shorted Nicad that overheated and caused some propane cylinders packed next to the battery pack to explode.
The only downside to APRS is that the family gets addicted to watching your progress from afar, and when you go through a area with poor or no digi / igate coverage they tend to get excited and worried... and naturally, in such areas you rarely have cell phone coverage either :?)

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "stegnography" <dmccollom@...> wrote:
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> You will have to read the blogging of my trip to get the whole story but I ended up spending an extra day on HWY 12 on my way into Montana. I had family that was concerned that they hadn't heard from me so I picked up a spot for them to keep track of me. I had it mounted on the stem from MT through Colorado Springs. I believe that the rough roads in WY just shook the thing to death and then it gave up the ghost in CO. I replaced the unit and mounted it on my gear in my trailer and haven't had any trouble since. I am thinking about a better antenna implementation and APRS. I am noodling the vibration issue and have some ideas. Does anyone have any ideas for finding what frequency the vibration on a bike is?
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> Dean
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> >
> > -- I guess you are using the Spot in tracker mode, then? I have never had a vibration problem with my Kenwood D7 or any GPS. I have used a RAM kind of shock mount with the radio but just as often strapped it to the top tube with a hose clamp! I have had both an eTrex and Rino pop right out of their Garmin mounts but had no damage to either (now I always tether them). If the Spot is that fragile I'll take more care with it. Is that the original one or the new one?ï¿½73, Barry
> > VE7VIE/WV2J
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2619. Re: Bluetooth

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-31 15:45:30 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2614 Message: 2619

I'd contact McKay and ask. They have good customer support as I recall. They used to have some models designed for the Icom HTs, and still do in the wired lightweight headsets. I don't know if they're out of stock at McKay or discontinued by the manufacturer.

Plan B would be to modify the cable for one of the available units to work with your Icom.

73 Steve KS1G

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2620. Re: SPOT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-31 18:08:50 UTC
From: w0jrt
Topic: 2611 Message: 2620

Have you done anything special to connect a GPS to your TH-D7? I've been running a TH-D7 and Garmin Foretrex 201 for several years and have had several vibration issues. I've noticed that if the serial stream is interrupted even briefly then the D7 will stop transmitting position packets. I initially solved this by removing the GPS jack on the D7 and soldering a beefier connector to it. That worked for a few years but I'm starting to have problems again. The radio is stored in a bag under the seat and has some bubble wrap for added protection. The GPS is mounted to the handlebars using a modified version of the Foretrex handlebar mount.

I've also noticed that one of my D7 battery packs has a loose connection in it or it has a loose connection to the radio because if I hit a bump the radio acts as if the power had been cycled.

Since I rarely have the D7 feed waypoints to the GPS I'm considering replacing the D7 with the new D72 which would permit me to eliminate the cable between the GPS and radio.

-Jerome, W0JRT

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "AOX" <w5aox@...> wrote:
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2621. Re: [BMHA] Re: SPOT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-31 18:41:00 UTC
From: Darren Martin
Topic: 2611 Message: 2621

Jerome
Is the battery to your D7 a Kenwood, or aftermarket? I ask that because since I switched to an aftermarket battery, vibration will cause the power to cycle sometimes, but I never had this issue with the kenwood battery. The big issue that I had with the kenwood battery, was short operating time between charges.

I use a 90 degree 2.5mm radio shack audio connector to connect my Garmin Geko 301 cable to the TH-D7. The radio sits in a pouch that holds the connector firmly in place. With a 90 degree connector, you might be able to use a rubber band or velcro strip to hold the connector in place. With the setup I use, I've never had any issues with the data being interupted between the GPS and the Th-D7. I have since replaced my Garmin Geko 301 with a Garmin GPSMAP 62s. (after a couple of mountain bike mishaps, the Geko 301 has developed some issues of it's own) Maybe, by the end of this year, I'll replace the D7 with the D72, and eliminate the external GPS for most bike rides.

Darren N0MZW

--- On Tue, 5/31/11, w0jrt <w0jrt@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: w0jrt <w0jrt@...>
Subject: [BMHA] Re: SPOT
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011, 1:08 PM

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2622. Re: SPOT

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-05-31 18:44:27 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2611 Message: 2622

Actually, when you put it like that, it brings to mind I HAVE had a few issues with vibration. The main one that comes to mind is that my D7, sounding like yours, is not reliable using the battery pack that has spring contacts holding several AA cells inside. The least bit of vibration makes the radio voltage pop in and out, so I have stopped using that particular battery (holder). I've never had a problem using a sealed D&-style battery, and I have an original Kenwood version and a third-party version.
I have not encountered the GPS dropout problems you mention. I have used 2 separate Magellan Gold handhelds with their special cable that outputs data to the radio, and I have 2 Garmin 350's I've used with the Argent Data Systems converter cable. All GPS's and the D7 are mounted on my foam "sandwich mount plate" using RAM mounts, which are well worth the money. I've uploaded several fuzzy photos of this lashup (Look in the W5AOX directory). For a few months I used a piece of electrical tape to help hold the GPS input connector in the radio but now just let it hang and have never had a problem. I normally run the package off an AA pack of 10 NiMH cells in a pannier on the back of the bike. On occasion I've run this pack down and successfully finished the ride by unplugging the ext power cables to the radio and GPS, forcing them to run on their internal batteries. The Garmin 350 and Argent cable REQUIRE external power for the data to successfully link to the D7, but with the Magellans the system runs for maybe a couple hours doing APRS just fine on internal batteries.
I normally commute daily, at an hour or so per trip, morning and evening. Sometimes if I'm extra talkative on the D7 I run the battery pack down. If I took a longer trip or ride I'd attach my 12 watt Solarex solar panel to the back of the cargo to help keep up the battery state of charge.
W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/w5aox-6

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2623. Re: Bluetooth

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-01 16:39:16 UTC
From: w0rmt
Topic: 2614 Message: 2623

I called McKay to inquire about a setup which would fit the ICOM amateur radios. They do not have one in stock, nor does their supplier have it. They do stock the commercial ICOM connector, which has the locking screws. The guy was very helpful, but it turns out they have nothing for my IC-91AD. Plenty of Kenwood stuff, though (should've kept my D7, I guess).

73 de Bud
W0RMT

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2624. Re: Elecraft KX3 What are dimensions and power options?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-03 18:18:01 UTC
From: stegnography
Topic: 2596 Message: 2624

Wayne,
you mention an un-powered weight of 18 oz. What is the weight with batteries and are there any other options for power to the radio.

What are the external envelope dimensions?

Dean

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Wayne Burdick <n6kr@...> wrote:
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> Shock and vibration are serious concerns in any vehicle application.
> I'm not sure what level of testing and specification of these
> parameters is practical for the KX3.
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> I would certainly avoid mounting it rigidly to a frame member that is
> going to be subjected to undamped impact. Are there damped mounts
> available for bike-mounted electronics in general? The KX3's own
> mobile mount will include a small amount of damping (foam pads between
> the mount and the radio).
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> The KX3 without batteries weighs about 18 ounces. This might help when
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> Wayne
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> On May 26, 2011, at 2:11 PM, n2lrb@... wrote:
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> > > Re: Some form of carry strap/handle
> > > Posted by: "Wayne Burdick" n6kr@ mas0n22

> > > Tue May 24, 2011 3:13 pm (PDT)
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> > > We're looking into a custom carrying case with an integral shell to
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2625. Re: [BMHA] Re: Elecraft KX3 What are dimensions and power options?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-03 21:10:56 UTC
From: Wayne Burdick
Topic: 2596 Message: 2625

A typical 8-AA cell battery pack adds about 6-8 oz depending on chemistry (rough guess).

We don't have external battery options at this time.

Add 1" to the 1.7" thickness to account for the tallest knob (on top) and 0.2" to account for the feet with tilt-stand stored (on the bottom). But the knobs occupy the lower half of the front panel, so the upper half creates a space within the travel case for storage of accessories such as a two-piece telescoping whip.

Add 0.5" to the right side to account for the BNC.

Wayne

On Jun 3, 2011, at 11:18 AM, stegnography wrote:

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2626. 6m question, suggestion, help???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-06 18:37:39 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2626 Message: 2626

I have a Trek 3700 mountain bike. I put a Topeak rack on the back of it and I made up a mount using some pieces of aluminum that I got at Home Depot. At the end of it I used a right-angle piece of aluminum from an old scanner antenna. I then used a 2" bulkhead UHF connector on it. Right now I have a Jetstream JTM3B dual-band mobile antenna (UHF mount). Got a great SWR on both 2m and 70cm and the antenna works pretty good.

I'm trying to setup my Diamond CR627B tri-band (6m/2m/70cm) antenna on my bike. The SWR on it isn't all that great... especially on 6m. It goes from
1.8:1 at 50MHz to 2.5:1 at 54MHz.

Now... I know the antenna on 6m is only a 1/4-wave and it needs a radial or groundplane to make up the other 1/4-wave of the antenna. Now... I would think that the bike's frame would offer enough... as I have continuity between
the antenna mount and the bike rack... and between the bike rack and the bike frame. Now from the end of the antenna mount to the the headpost is about 55 inches... and a 1/4-wave for 52MHz is 54 inches... but apparently the antenna doesn't like the bike frame for a groundplane.

So I decided to experiment with a wire counterpose out of wire. I then used an MFJ-269 Antenna Analyzer to try and get a ballbark SWR. I cut a 56 inch radial and put it on an alligator clip to make it easy to experiment with
it. Here is what I got when I tested it...

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So... it seems as if a good SWR could be achieved if I were to trim the wire with it hanging free... but as soon as I run it along the bike frame... it goes
back to the way it was. Now... I can't just ride with a wire hanging from the
back of my bike.

So... does anyone have any suggestions on how to improve the 6m SWR???
Do you think the SWR would be better if I somehow isolated the antenna mount from the Topeak rack and then ran a radial along the bike frame???
Should I just say... forget about it... and stick with the dual-band antenna that is working great???

Any tips, suggestions, and so on to make this antenna work would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Mike - N1EVH
n1evh@...

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2627. Re: 6m question, suggestion, help???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-06 19:14:22 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2626 Message: 2627

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If my SWR were that GOOD I would not worry about it at all. Especially compared to the complication of dragging the counterpoise wire behind me or putting a stiffer "stinger" out that far that would no doubt improve the SWR but complicate your being able to avoid impaling or at least "Twanging" others who get too close to you in your wanderings.
And, are you checking your SWR while you are sitting in the driver's seat. or while the bike is parked and no "backside" is up close and personal (within a foot or two) with the antenna? It DOES make a difference, and as you ride, the SWR will change at least slightly as you move around in the saddle. To safely operate the radio while in motion usually means less than optimal antenna situations. You can figure out all kinds of stuff like extra counterpoises, radials, etc, to use when you are parked somewhere and want to radiate a more serious signal.

Jim W5AOX
http:aprs.fi/w5aox-6

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2628. Pictures of group bike ride at Dayton?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-07 13:09:46 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 2628 Message: 2628

Wondering where the pictures that were taken during the Dayton Bike ride might be located at? Have they even been posted yet?

James W8ISS

2629. Re: [BMHA] Re: 6m question, suggestion, help???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-07 16:06:45 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2626 Message: 2629

The SWR tests that I've done have been with the bike parked and me not sitting on it. I guess I could re-test the SWR and see how it is when I'm sitting on the bike seat.

My SWR with the JetStream JTM3B (1/2 wave radialless on 2m and 2 x 5/8 wave radialless on 70cm) is MUCH better on 2m and 70cm than my Diamond CR627B (1/4 was on 6m, 3 x 1/4 wave on 2m, 3 x 5/8 wave on 70cm). Again... I don't understand why the bike's frame doesn't offer enough of a counterpoise/groundplane since there is continuity between the antenna mount and the bike rack and then continuity between the bike rack and the bike frame.

Since the wire counterpoise seemed to have an affect when it wasn't run along the bike frame... them maybe I'll see if I can come up with a way to isolate the antenna mount from the bike rack... and then try running a wire counterpoise along the bike frame.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

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Subject: [BMHA] Re: 6m question, suggestion, help???

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> I have a Trek 3700 mountain bike. I put a Topeak rack on the back of it

and
> I made up a mount using some pieces of aluminum that I got at Home Depot.
> At the end of it I used a right-angle piece of aluminum from an old
scanner
> antenna. I then used a 2" bulkhead UHF connector on it. Right now I have
a
> Jetstream JTM3B dual-band mobile antenna (UHF mount). Got a great SWR
> on both 2m and 70cm and the antenna works pretty good.
>
> I'm trying to setup my Diamond CR627B tri-band (6m/2m/70cm) antenna on
> my bike. The SWR on it isn't all that great... especially on 6m. It goes
> from
> 1.8:1 at 50MHz to 2.5:1 at 54MHz.
>
> Now... I know the antenna on 6m is only a 1/4-wave and it needs a radial
or
> groundplane to make up the other 1/4-wave of the antenna. Now... I would
> think that the bike's frame would offer enough... as I have continuity
> between
> the antenna mount and the bike rack... and between the bike rack and the
> bike frame. Now from the end of the antenna mount to the the headpost is
> about 55 inches... and a 1/4-wave for 52MHz is 54 inches... but apparently
> the antenna doesn't like the bike frame for a groundplane.
>
> So I decided to experiment with a wire counterpose out of wire. I then
used
> an MFJ-269 Antenna Analyzer to try and get a ballbark SWR. I cut a 56
> inch radial and put it on an alligator clip to make it easy to experiment
> with
> it. Here is what I got when I tested it...
>
> No counterpoise - lowest SWR was 1.8:1 at 52.000 MHz
> Clipped on but hanging - lowest SWR was 1.2:1 at 47.750 MHz
> Clipped on, run along bike - lowest SWR was 1.6:1 at 52.000 MHz
> Clipped on, velcroed into place - lowest SWR was 1.7:1 at 51.600MHz
>
> So... it seems as if a good SWR could be achieved if I were to trim the
wire
> with it hanging free... but as soon as I run it along the bike frame... it
> goes
> back to the way it was. Now... I can't just ride with a wire hanging from
> the
> back of my bike.
>
> So... does anyone have any suggestions on how to improve the 6m SWR???
> Do you think the SWR would be better if I somehow isolated the antenna
> mount from the Topeak rack and then ran a radial along the bike frame???
> Should I just say... forget about it... and stick with the dual-band
antenna
> that is working great???

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> Any tips, suggestions, and so on to make this antenna work would be
> greatly appreciated.
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> Mike - N1EVH
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2630. Re: 6m question, suggestion, help???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-07 17:45:36 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2626 Message: 2630

Well, for one thing, SWR doesn't tell the whole story. A low SWR only indicates the device on the end of the coax is absorbing power.... it doesn't necessarily mean it's RADIATING any.
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2631. BMHA Dayton Hamvention Bike Ride Pictures

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-07 20:18:02 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2631 Message: 2631

I have posted some of the pictures from the 2011 BMHA Hamvention bike ride. They are in the Photos section and album name is BMHA Dayton Hamvention Bike Ride 2011.

Mike, NF0N

2632. Re: [BMHA] Re: 6m question, suggestion, help???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-07 21:18:17 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2626 Message: 2632

Well... over the weekend I played around with setting up a 20m Hamstick on my bike in my backyard using the same antenna mount that is on my bike (making up a UHF to 3/8-24 thread adaptor)... and I actually got a 1:5.1 or lower SWR across the entire band. I'm sure the angle of radiation is pretty high. I then setup my FT-817 on my picnic table next to my bike and I tuned around. Heard a LOT of stations working the Alabama QSO Party. Heard one station in Alabama calling CQ so I figured I would call him and he heard me the first try. He gave me the standard "59" contest report... and then when I told him that I was in Massachusetts running QRP with a 20m Hamstick on mountain bike... he said I had a great signal for QRP in Massachusetts. Also heard a station in Italy that said they were mobile. He heard me... but not enough to make out my entire callsign.

Now... back to my VHF/UHF antenna situation. Even tho the antenna is mounted at the "far back" of the bike... I would think the only thing that would
be affected by the entire frame going off towards the front would be the radiation pattern... to a point. I remember back in my CB radio days (before
getting my ham license)... if I had a CB antenna mounted in the middle of the
trunk of a Firebird/Trans Am... there was a considerable lobe towards the front of the car and a noticeable null off of the back of the car. So with a
1/4-wave 6m antenna that needs a groundplane or counterpoise (as well as a 3 x 1/4 wave 2m antenna and a 3 x 5/8-wave 70cm antenna) in the back on a bike and the bike frame (which one would think would be enough metal to act as a groundplane) out in front of the antenna... that if anything
it would just make it somewhat directional in that direction. Am I wrong in thinking this???

That is one thing that I haven't owned since I got my ham license back in 1986... a field strength meter. I'll have to see if someone nearby me has one... or look in the ARRL Handbook (I'm sure they have plans in there on how to make one). If I were to compare the my JetStream dual-band antenna against my Diamond tri-band antenna... ... even tho the Diamond has more gain than the Jetstream... I'm sure there would be a difference in radiation angles (1/2-wave vs 3 x 1/4-wave on 2m and 2 x 5/8-wave vs 3 x 5/8-wave on 70cm). May not matter that much close up... but I'm sure it would have some affect over a distance (couple of miles). Again, am I wrong for thinking this???

In the past... I've just used the HT's stock or aftermarket antenna with the HT mounted on my handlebar... but wanted to do something with a mobile antenna to extend my range (plus I have the ability to hook up a dual-band

(2m/70cm) amp if I want/need to.

Mike - N1EVH

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2633. Re: 6m question, suggestion, help???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-08 22:22:55 UTC
From: k1nun@netscape.net
Topic: 2626 Message: 2633

About 50 years ago when I entered Ham Radio, I spoke with some Hams older than me who operated HF mobile. The rule of directivity was this: if your antenna was mounted, say, on the left rear side of the bumper, your best radiation and direction would be diagonally across the car toward the right front bumper. In short, the direction of the most mass and metal. I guess we've rediscovered an ancient truth. :-)
73,
ERIC
K1NUN

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2634. Batteries and Waterproofing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-09 18:52:30 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2634 Message: 2634

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My two problems are how to power it and how to protect it from the elements. I currently have an automotive trickle charger that might be useful (or not). An automotive or standard marine battery is out of the question due to both size and weight. What do people recommend as a simple and inexpensive way to get started? I expect to be on the bicycle a maximum of 2 hours most days and the HT battery is quite adequate for this. If I ever go HF, it would be nice if this could also work for that in the future.

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-- John
KR0L

2635. Re: [BMHA] Batteries and Waterproofing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-09 20:01:33 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 2634 Message: 2635

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John Goerzen <jgoerzen@complete.org> wrote:

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2636. Re: Batteries and Waterproofing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-09 20:07:48 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2634 Message: 2636

John,

If you ask six hams you might get six different answers, so here's what I do....

I stay with low power and use a small sealed lead battery about the size of a brick. I think it's a 7Ah. These batteries won't tolerate large charge rates, so you're better off to use a wall wart, about 0.5 A charge rate, to keep from ruining the battery. Keep your power leads as large and as short as possible so as to not loose too much energy to heat.

The battery will discharge pretty fast with 35W output. I imagtine a 30 minute rag chew will bring it down to the threshold voltage. You'll need to be selective on how long you use higher power.

I use a battery similar to the one mentioned above to power a FT-1300M that I always keep on the lowest setting.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2637. Re: [BMHA] Batteries and Waterproofing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-09 20:41:01 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2634 Message: 2637

Hi Dave,

Do you mean this one:

http://www.all-battery.com/148volt-5800mahli-polypack-1.aspx

It's slightly over-voltage (14.8 vs. 13.8) -- think that would be a
problem? (Mirage specifically warns against driving that amp over-voltate)

How does one figure the discharge rate? Am I right to think that:

I = 35 W / 13.8 V = 2.5 A

operating time = 5.8 amp-hr / 2.5 A = 2.3 hrs (100% duty cycle)

and at maximum discharge rate of 15 A at 13.8, P = 15A * 13.8V = 207W

which should even be enough to operate a 100W rig if I wanted to in the
future, right?

(Hm, my FT-857D says transmit current consumption is 22A; I guess I
could bump down the power. Wonder why the difference there...)

What are the properties of Li-Po compared to Li-Ion?

-- John

On 06/09/2011 03:01 PM, Dave wrote:
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2638. New Sanyo eneloops

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-10 10:58:12 UTC
From: AB8XA
Topic: 2638 Message: 2638

I know many have moved on to other technologies, but some still use Sanyo's eneloop NiMH batteries for their price and ability to hold a charge for a long time.

I see this morning they have a couple of new models (and a wireless charging case), one with approx. 25% greater capacity:

http://panasonic.net/sanyo/news/2011/06/09-1.html

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Moe - AB8XA
Elecraft KX1 #2484, Fists #13020, SKCC #7460,
FPQRP #2617, NAQCC #5352, QRP-ARCI #14326

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2639. Re: Batteries and Waterproofing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-10 14:10:32 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2634 Message: 2639

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "n7net" <n7net@...> wrote:
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Indeed. :) My 2 shekels:

John - I didn't see mention of what antenna you use. Before adding weight and complexity of an amp, I'd improve your antenna and feedline first. At minimum, don't use anything rubber-duckish or direct-mount to the radio. My favorites, in descending order of perceived performance:

Larsen (or similar but I have a Larsen) "no ground" 1/2 wave whip. Rugged, reliable, works well (based on watching how many APRS beacon packets make it into the system during my commutes). Mine is mounted on an NMO mount attached to a modifed behind-the-saddle water bottle carrier on my road bike (no rack). Limited to 2M. I picked up this idea from a website by the ham groups who provide comm support to the annual GOBA ride in Ohio.

1/4 wave whip with as good an RF ground as you can provide - metal rack, bike frame, coutnerpoise wire. Coat hanger in PL259 and a commercial 1/4 wave flexi whip seem to work about the same. I have this on my commuting bike; 3/8x24 mirror mount bolted to the rear rack and an adaptor to fit the PL259 or flexi whip BNC. Works 2M & 70cm, cheap, gets the job done.

Flagpole-mounted jpole or coaxial dipole (braid rolled back over feedline). Works OK but not as well as the 1/2 wave or 1/4 wave. Unsure if just several years of wear and abuse on the antenna and feedline; I did have to recently replace the connector on the jpole. Puts antenna as high as possible, doesn't require a ground, bike flag may help visibility to traffic. Tons of plans to make your own or several commercial models available.

Crazy ideas - I've considered (but so far resisted) a set of KU4AB stacked squalos (SQ-144 mobile stack, http://ku4ab.com/2m-horiz.html) on the commuter using that 3/8x24 mount or building a 2M Moxon rectangle using a bike flag (rigidity and directivity would be problems).

Test antennas by riding/driving to a known iffy location and doing multiple A-B-C comparison tests. Monitor the repeater output on a second radio and/or have someone monitor the input frequency or go to simplex to get better idea of how well you're getting out with different antennas. Or find a large open field (high school athletic field?) and run field strength tests.

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Now if you want to try that amp:

Scott also said:
> The battery will discharge pretty fast with 35W output. I imagtine a 30 minute rag chew will bring it down to the threshold voltage. You'll need to be selective on how long you use higher power.

Try running the HT at reduced power, will lower the output and current draw of the amp. If you can place a power switch where you can easily reach it to turn the amp on only when you need it.

For a bike-friendly battery, look at:
http://www.batteryspace.com/search.aspx?find=water+bottle Available in NiMH and several Li-based types, with or without charger, plugs, etc. I really like this packaging as it lends itself to bike mounting and is inherently protected from the elements. Also got this idea from the GOBA radio folks. Have not used it myself yet but thinking about it.

I have one of those 35W Mirgae amps, too, and have thought about using it on a couple of local century rides where I am bike mobile and have problems being heard in several spots due to hilly terrain and distance. For infrequent use like that, I'd probably mount the amp inside the frame triangle (suspend under the top tube?), use a freezer zip bag to protect the amp, run it only when necessary, and keep my transmissions short. Or, maybe mount the amp in the bottle cage that holds that seat-back Larsen 1/2 wave (protected with a baggie) and use a batteryspace bottle battery in the other seatback cage. If you are using a pannier, rack trunk, handlebar, or large seat bag, see if it gets too warm when kept inside.

For more permanent weather protection, I'd look for a small plastic box (pencil box, or maybe one of the smaller Pelican or Otterbox models) about the width and height of the amp, with depth between the amp body and the heat sink. Cut a hole in the lid for the heat sink fins, and find something weather proof (thin rubber hose? adhesive-backed foam window winterizing insulating strips?) to form a gasket.

Good luck - tell us how it works out (and post pictures!)

73 Steve KS1G

2640. Re: [BMHA] Re: Batteries and Waterproofing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-10 15:45:41 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2634 Message: 2640

I have one of these dual-band Mirage amps... and I have used it on my bike.

The manual says its 45w on 2m and 35w on 70cm and draws about 7A on transmit. When feeding the amp with 5w... I've measured 50w out on 2m and 35 out on 70cm and I've measured about 7.2 Amps of current draw. I usually feel the amp with about 2.5w and get about 30w out on 2m (don't use 70cm that much) and the current draw is about 5 Amps. I have an older Mirage B23 (2w in/30w out) 2m only amp which is only suppose to draw about 4 Amps... but for some reason I'm only measuring about 15w out on that one (into a dummy load).

I have a bag on top of my rack that I put the amp in as well as the battery that I made for it. I made up a battery for the amp using ten 10,000mAh D cells. I have a piece of coax that goes from my handlebar to the bag and then a piece of coax that goes from the bag to the antenna. All of the coax has BNC connectors on them. I used a couple of UHF to BNC right-angle adaptors that I bought thru MFJ. When I'm not using the amp... I use a BNC barrel connector to put the two pieces of coax together.

When I use this amp... I try to keep my transmissions as short as possible... to help conserve the battery. I guess a cheaper way to go to increase battery capacity would be to get a couple of 7Ah to 10Ah sealed lead acid batteries and put them in parallel... but then that would add a LOT of weight to the bag and back of the bike.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: BrassRat77
Date: 6/10/2011 10:10:41 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Batteries and Waterproofing

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "n7net" <n7net@...> wrote:

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For more permanent weather protection, I'd look for a small plastic box (pencil box, or maybe one of the smaller

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2641. RE: [BMHA] New Sanyo eneloops

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-10 20:02:34 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 2638 Message: 2641

For my bicycle touring uses, headlight, taillight, etc., I'd been using the energizer rechargeables, but I found that the Sanyo's last much longer than the energizer and are more compatible with devices. For example, in a couple of my HT's that can use battery packs the Sanyo's power them just fine. However, the energizer ones will RX fine, but will cause the radio to shut down under the load of TX. The good news is they can use the same chargers. I carry the energizer fast charger and recharge wherever someone will let me plug in for a few minutes. Usually I can ask folks at a C store to borrow an outlet as long as I'm buying something. I'll have to look at the pricing for the new Eneloop Pro ones and see if it's worth the difference. For long, single day rides, I think it would. For touring, probably not.

I also use those in my Byonics MT-AIO for "bicycle mobile". While they're not the lightest solution, the price and ability to recharge quickly has made me a believer. Also, the ability to swap over to conventional batteries in an emergency is also a plus.

Jack KE4LWT

KE4LWT-9 bicycle mobile.

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of AB8XA
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 12:58 AM
To: QRP-L; QRP-L@...; BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] New Sanyo eneloops

I know many have moved on to other technologies, but some still use Sanyo's eneloop NiMH batteries for their price and ability to hold a charge for a long time.

I see this morning they have a couple of new models (and a wireless charging case), one with approx. 25% greater capacity:

http://panasonic.net/sanyo/news/2011/06/09-1.html

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Moe - AB8XA
Elecraft KX1 #2484, Fists #13020, SKCC #7460,
FPQRP #2617, NAQCC #5352, QRP-ARCI #14326

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2642. Re: [BMHA] Re: Batteries and Waterproofing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-17 21:42:30 UTC
From: John Goerzen
Topic: 2634 Message: 2642

On 06/10/2011 09:10 AM, BrassRat77 wrote:
> Larsen (or similar but I have a Larsen) "no ground" 1/2 wave whip.

That's what I have. It's a dualbander but 1/2 wave at 2m. I have a NMO automobile mount and drilled a hole through the bike rack so it attaches over the rear wheel. Works well, though I have to be careful how I swing me leg when I get off ;-)

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> 58 or even 8x is minimal compared to the radio& battery.

I don't know what the feedline is - it's something fairly thin. Maybe RG-8X or RG-8U? (I forget all that cabling option by now..)

But it only runs a few feet so I don't think the loss is very significant or even measureable. My HTs have SMA connectors so there is a 2ft SMA-to-SO239 cable at the very end.

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Very interesting. Do you have particular preferences for type (NiMH vs. LiIon, etc)?

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> gasket.

Hmm, let me see if I follow. You're suggesting that the heat sink is waterproof itself (I need to check and make sure there aren't screws in it), so I could let it stick out the top of the box and seal up the edges? That's an interesting idea.

Photos of the current setup:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/jgoerzen/5788644310/in/photostream

http://www.flickr.com/photos/jgoerzen/5788643372/in/photostream

Thanks,

- John
KR0L

2643. Re: [BMHA] Re: Batteries and Waterproofing

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-20 02:32:48 UTC
From: Stephan Greene
Topic: 2634 Message: 2643

John:

On Fri, Jun 17, 2011 at 5:42 PM, John Goerzen <jgoerzen@...> wrote:

> On 06/10/2011 09:10 AM, BrassRat77 wrote:
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If the cable looks like "normal" thickness, it's RG58 or 8x - ~0.2 in for RG58, 0.242" for RG8X. Most antennas and mounts that come with coax use RG58 - Larsen uses -58 for their NMO mounts. RG174 is about 0.100" diameter. Every commercial SMA-to-SO239 cable I have uses 174 or an equivalent. I agree the loss is minimal, my problem is mechanical reliability at the connectors. I have much better success making connectors for RG58 than I do with 174-size, anyway. (That may be part of my problem, too!)

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Not really - NiMH is cheaper, heavier, and no surprises, works with the chargers I own. The lithium battery is lighter (significantly), more expensive (ditto), and requires more care in recharging. If I bought one, I think I would start with the NiMH version (unless weight became an absolute premium to me) and decide after some use if I needed more run time that LiIon would provide.

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I took a look at my LA-2035R and there are bolts and 2 ventilation holes in the heat sink area. So I don't think my original idea would work. I would look instead at ways to protect the amp from direct water spray while providing some passages for airflow and keep transmissions/duty cycle down. Or only use it on dry days.

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Nice set up. I just moved my mount from a mirror mount on the side of the rack to an aluminum plate bolted to the underside of the rack extending a few inches behind the rack. Gives me better mounting for a pannier where the mirror mount was and keeps the rack top clear for a trunk bag or other use.

73, Ride Safe! Steve KS1G

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2644. Field Day Ops

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-24 04:35:58 UTC
From: dlhagen2
Topic: 2644 Message: 2644

Any mobile HF bikers going to be on during Field Day?
I'll see if I Can get my stuff together on the bike.
Dave AC0AF

2645. Re: [BMHA] Field Day Ops

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-24 05:43:34 UTC
From: BMHA Webmaster
Topic: 2644 Message: 2645

dlhagen2 <hagendotcom@...> wrote:

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2646. RE: [BMHA] Field Day Ops

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-24 11:29:48 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2644 Message: 2646

Oh you betcha, Dave. Never miss a FD, 1C on the bike ... not since 2000, anyway. Looks like the Chicago area is going to have some decent wx for a change - not so fast - 40% chance of showers on Sunday AM. OK. I stand corrected. Get your stuff on the bike, Dave and we'll see you on FD.73,Ron W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: BMHA-Webmaster@...
Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 22:43:34 -0700
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Field Day Ops

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2647. Re: Field Day Ops

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-24 15:36:29 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2644 Message: 2647

I hope to be out in a local park with the ICE Trike and my communications trailer. I have done this for the last few years and usually run at least a couple of hours. I will be running CW only with the FT-817 and a new SuperAntenna MP-1 antenna. Will post pictures.

Those who run Field Day with their bicycle mobile, please post pictures if you can.

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2648. RE: [BMHA] Re: Field Day Ops

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-06-24 19:30:56 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2644 Message: 2648

My Cannondale es 706 can whup your ICE Trike es 817 ... ;-)

Ron W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: nf0n@...
Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 15:36:29 +0000
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Field Day Ops

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2649. Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-07-12 00:50:06 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2059 Message: 2649

There were a few posts about FD. Anybody go out on their bikes?
As in most things in my life I take 1C FD a little too seriously. Just finished sending in my results - 291 Qs.
My perennial goal is 300 Qs and 100 miles. Unfortunately my quads gave out after only 35 miles this year.
Being a long time Chicago Cubs fan ... "wait till next year" just rolls off my tongue.
73 all, de
Ron W9XS

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2651. W0R Special Event call for RAGBRAI

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-07-22 14:08:31 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2651 Message: 2651

I will be with Team Megacycles for RAGBRAI again this year from July 23-30. I am with the SAG crew this year rather than riding so will have a little more time to operate. We will be using W0R as the special event call. Look for us on the QRP frequencies and other frequencies as we travel across the state of Iowa. We hope to use the call as bicycle mobile at times and sometimes from the truck mobile.

QSL's to me, NF0N, SASE please.

73 and hope to work many of you this year from RAGBRAI

2652. Re: [BMHA] W0R Special Event call for RAGBRAI

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-07-22 20:47:13 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 2651 Message: 2652

I love the name, Team Megacycles.
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2653. Re: W0R Special Event call for RAGBRAI

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-07-22 21:19:36 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2651 Message: 2653

That is a catchy name.

When I was in electronic school back in 1956 no one, at least to my knowledge, had ever thought about bicycle mobile. However, there was a poem telling of Reddy Kilowatt's adventures. He often rode his megacycle over the Wheatstone bridge, that spanned the eddy currents, in order to visit his girl friend Milliwatt. On stormy nights he often had difficulty seeing and had to Probe his way home.

Fun stuff. I'm sure I'm not the only one who knows about this rhyme.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2654. Any experience here with LiFePO4 batteries?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-07-25 19:50:01 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2654 Message: 2654

After posting in an earlier thread about trying to mount an "HT booster" amp on a bike, or not, I think I've figured out a way to mount my Daiwa amp with acceptable weight and mess on my road bike. This is for comms support for a century ride with 6-7 hrs riding time, APRS beacons every 2-3 minutes and voice as needed. Comms are on VHF simplex and much of the route is hilly & far enough from net control and rest stops to be too far for a 5W HT even with a good antenna.

Next step is how to power it. I'm looking at the 12.8V, 6600 mAH pack in a 500ml water bottle from batteryspace.com. It's pricey (!), but I like the specs - weight and capacity in particular. I'm concerned with the 15.6V peak spec, wonder if it's a mis-type. Individual cells are 3.6V max after charging, 14.4V max for a 4S2P pack. I've emailed them about it. Maybe someone here has 1st-hand experience with this battery chemistry or with this particular pack.

Batteryspace also has a much cheaper 12V 4500 mAH NiMH battery in a 500ml bottle. This pack is limited by polyswitch to 4.2A max, which is close to or less than what the amp draws if I forget to keep my HT at low power and run 4-5W to the amp. If the switch self-resets, I should be able to recover once I spot the mistake.

I want the capacity of the Li pack about once a year; 4.5 AH is plenty the rest of the time and even for the upcoming century if I run the amp only when needed. I may already have a suitable charger I can use for the NiMH.

I am using a 7AH 12V SLA on my commuter to test things, but I don't need that capacity normally and the size & weight are more than I'm going to accept on a hilly century ride.

To mount the amp, I plan to strap it (large hose clamp + heavy-duty zip ties for secondary stability) to the water bottle and it will stay put in my behind-seat holder, with a cut-up plastic box as a rain shield for the amp. I made a proof of concept over the weekend with an old water bottle. "Plan B" is a small handlebar bag. Either way, I need to pick one battery or the other or skip the whole idea.

Comments/Suggestions?

73 Steve KS1G

2655. Follow up: Initial observations Re: Any experience here with LiFePO4 batteries?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-08-12 17:43:36 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2654 Message: 2655

Follow-up: I ordered the 6.6AH battery-in-a-bottle from batteryspace.com. Battery arrived yesterday (ground-ship only, apparently Lithium-anything is hazardous cargo).

The water bottle packaging is the same diamter as a "standard" bike bottle, a little shorter than my 700 ml bottles with straight sides. I have not tried opening the bottle to inspect the battery pack so I cannot comment on the pack's construction. I have to assume the pack has a control/cell balancer board inside, as there are only the 2 charging leads accesible from outside the pack.

The charger needed approx 3 hours to charge the battery from an unknown but rpesumably discharged state. I did not measure the voltage beforehand, it was 13.6V topped off.

The power cable comes out the moutpiece; a heavy insulated coil terminating in a female axial connector. The axial connectors are water resistant. I bought a male connector cable with bare leads. Use a sharp knife to trim away more insulation if you need it, and BE CAREFUL or you'll cut the insulation on the leads. Didn't measure the lead gauge but 30A power pole pins crimp on just fine. The total cable length reaches with slight stretching from a behind-the-seat water bottle holder to a small handlebar bag where I've placed the amplifier.

Battery has plenty of capacity to power a nominal 30-35W "ht booster" amplifier (Mirage B23). Tried it on this morning's commute. No reports of signal distortion, time will tell regarding overall run time. 30W makes a huge difference vs. 4-5W with a bike-mounted antenna. This should handle filling in coverage gaps quite well. I think it would also work really well powering an FT817 and HFPacker amp.

The battery + bottle + attached cable weighs 1 pound 14 ounces (850g). This is comparable to one of my 700ml water bottles (filled) @1 pound 10 oz (737g). Versus a 7AH SLA at 8 pounds (3,629g). Guess which battery I'd prefer carrying around 100+ miles and 5,500 ft of climbing?

You do get what you pay for. I saw an example last Sunday of one of the A123 packs buddipole sells. (I think it was the 4S1P model) Nicely made, owner was very pleased using it for SOTA and backap ops. But a bit pricier than the batteryspace unit.

73 Steve KS1G

2656. Follow up: Initial observations Re: Any experience here with LiFePO4 batteries?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-08-15 15:36:32 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2654 Message: 2656

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Jim W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/w5aox-6 bike tracker

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "BrassRat77" <ks1g04@...> wrote:
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> Follow-up: I ordered the 6.6AH battery-in-a-bottle from batteryspace.com. Battery arrived yesterday (ground-ship only, apparently Lithium-anything is hazardous cargo).
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> The water bottle packaging is the same diamter as a "standard" bike bottle, a little shorter than my 700 ml bottles with straight sides. I have not tried opening the bottle to inspect the battery pack so I cannot comment on the pack's construction. I have to assume the pack has a control/cell balancer board inside, as there are only the 2 charging leads accesible from outside the pack.
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> The charger needed approx 3 hours to charge the battery from an unknown but rpesumably discharged state. I did not measure the voltage beforehand, it was 13.6V topped off.
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> The power cable comes out the moutpiece; a heavy insulated coil terminating in a female axial connector. The axial connectors are water resistant. I bought a male connector cable with bare leads. Use a sharp knife to trim away more insulation if you need it, and BE CAREFUL or you'll cut the insulation on the leads. Didn't measure the lead gauge but 30A power pole pins crimp on just fine. The total cable length reaches with slight stretching from a behind-the-seat water bottle holder to a small handlebar bag where I've placed the amplifier.
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> Battery has plenty of capacity to power a nominal 30-35W "ht booster" amplifier (Mirage B23). Tried it on this morning's commute. No reports of signal distortion, time will tell regarding overall run time. 30W makes a huge difference vs. 4-5W with a bike-mounted antenna. This should handle filling in coverage gaps quite well. I think it would also work really well powering an FT817 and HFPacker amp.
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> The battery + bottle + attached cable weighs 1 pound 14 ounces (850g). This is comparable to one of my 700ml water bottles (filled) @1 pound 10 oz (737g). Versus a 7AH SLA at 8 pounds (3,629g). Guess which battery I'd prefer carrying around 100+ miles and 5,500 ft of

climbing?
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> You do get what you pay for. I saw an example last Sunday of one of the A123 packs buddipole sells. (I think it was the 4S1P model) Nicely made, owner was very pleased using it for SOTA and backap ops. But a bit pricier than the batteryspace unit.
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> 73 Steve KS1G
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2657. Follow up: Initial observations Re: Any experience here with LiFePO4 batteries?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-08-15 18:45:01 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2654 Message: 2657

Certainly! I may have mis-spoke the voltage spec, making it harder to locate the battery I purchased. Start here: http://www.batteryspace.com/128lifepo4packsforbikelight.aspx <http://www.batteryspace.com/128lifepo4packsforbikelight.aspx> . The 11.1 V batteries are different from what I have.

What I bought: http://www.batteryspace.com/waterbottlelifepo4battery128v6800mah8704whfo\rhidhalogenbikelighttrial-techfemaleplug.aspx <http://www.batteryspace.com/waterbottlelifepo4battery128v6800mah8704whf\orhidhalogenbikelighttrial-techfemaleplug.aspx> . The bike-bottle packaged systems are at the bottom of the page. I purchased the charger, male connector to bare wires (I added powerpoles), and male connector to alligator clips for less than the complete package.

Their "complete" package: http://www.batteryspace.com/waterbottlelifepo4battery128v6800mahtrail-te\chfemaleplug82wh30achargertrail-techmaleplugforhidhalogenbikelight.aspx <http://www.batteryspace.com/waterbottlelifepo4battery128v6800mahtrail-t\echfemaleplug82wh30achargertrail-techmaleplugforhidhalogenbikelight.aspx\>

This looks like the same battery in different packaging - may be a better deal for some folks: http://www.batteryspace.com/LiFePO4-Belt-Bag-Bike-Battery-12.8V-6.6Ah-84\-Wh.-14A-rate-Charger.aspx <http://www.batteryspace.com/LiFePO4-Belt-Bag-Bike-Battery-12.8V-6.6Ah-8\4-Wh.-14A-rate-Charger.aspx>

This may be the battery pack they are using in all the above products: http://www.batteryspace.com/LiFePO4-26650-Battery-12.8V-6.8Ah-87Wh.-14A-\rate.aspx <http://www.batteryspace.com/LiFePO4-26650-Battery-12.8V-6.8Ah-87Wh.-14A\-rate.aspx> Interestingly, it's cheaper right now packed in the bike bottle.

Allow extra time for delivery - I placed the order on 7/28 and the battery arrived 8/11. I attribute much of the time to the restrictions placed on shipping Lithium-anything batteries, even though I understand the iron-phosphate types do not have the fire & explosive risks associated with other Lithium-ion chemistries. The packaged was well-packed and complete. The battery required about 3 hrs to charge, so I assume it is shipped in a relatively discharged state. I did not measure voltage before charging. It was about 13.6-13.8V (forget which) when charged. The battery did not feel warm during charging, while the

charger did become warm (but not uncomfortably hot). The bottle packaging appears to provide good protection for the battery from weather and dirt. The cable is heavy duty; the conducting wires are embedded in the insulation, requiring a sharp knife and some care to strip further than how it comes from the vendor. I did not try opening the bottle to see how the battery is packaged internally- I suspect the bare pack linked above is what they are using.

I used the battery to power my VX8 during an 80 mile, 5.5 hr ride yesterday. My VX8 was set to send an APRS position report every 2 minutes (approx 165 possible reports). DB0ANF recorded 79 position reports, a pretty good success rate considering the traffic levels in the Washington DC region, terrain, etc. The VX8 was set to L3 (2.5W) output, this should produce about 25W from the amplifier. The battery showed no signs of droping off after this use as well as about 1.5-2hrs of use on APRS and some voice during my commute on Friday. No-load voltage was 13.2-13.3 V after the ride. I have not had an opportunity to track battery voltage, current, vs. time and amplifier drive/output level but hope to before next weekend.

I experienced only one problem with the battery during the ride - - while water resistant, the trail tech connector will not stay connected if subjected to even small amounts of tension and requires some strain relief to keep the connector mated. The two ends of the cable should be secured to the bike anyway to prevent a loose cable from getting caught in the drive train or wheel (unlikely but why take chances?) Because of the disconnects, I'm not sure yet if the remaining coverage gaps were due to the amplifier being off, and which are places that will just remain problems. Either way, I think I will have respectable voice and APRS coverage given the limitations I've placed on using a road bike as a radio platform.

Look on aprs.fi for KS1G-7 on Aug 14 2011 <http://aprs.fi/?call=a%2FKS1G-7&dt=1313280000&mt=roadmap&z=11&timerange\ =3600> (or db0anf.de) to see how it looked. Following the century ride this coming Sunday, I plan to try the battery out with my FT817 and HF Packer v3 amplifier.

73 Steve KS1G

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2658. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-08-17 17:14:27 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2059 Message: 2658

Hello Ron,

Look forward to some "bike to bike" & "bike to pedestrian mobile" again this year with you.

I have been out quite a few times using the pedestrian mobile on 17 and 20M recently, we must arrange another sked.

Let me know ...

73's ... Dave G4AKC (Blackpool England)

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2659. RE: [BMHA] Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-08-17 22:08:44 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2059 Message: 2659

Yeah, David. Good idea.
I usually get out for rides in the mid afternoon local time which would be around 2000 UTC. By that time it's a little late for you and I've noticed that the band closes down to EU from here a few hours before that.
What would be the best time for a Q?
Nothing new in the way of radios here and still putting in only 50 miles a week or so. I'm semi retired now and find that I am doing more wood work than I anticipated. Every time I build something the adult kids say "Hey, can you make one of those for me?" Finishing up my sixth Adorandak chair and third table so far this season.
I had more free time to goof off when I was working full time :-)
Let me know what times and days work best for you and we'll set something up/
73,
Ron W9XS

Ron Baran DDS, MBA, MA

Willowbrook, IL
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To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: davidandtracy@....uk
Date: Wed, 17 Aug 2011 17:14:27 +0000
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Field Day

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2660. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-08-22 08:40:35 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2059 Message: 2660

Hello Ron,

I think September will be a better month for propagation between us in the afternoon.

I can get out out at about 1800 - 1900Z if you can make it?

Like you I am looking for some early retirement this year and I have heard many people tell me they have less free time retired than they had working!

Now about those Adorandak chairs ..... can I make my order now?

Speak soon

Dave G4AKC

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2661. Post-century report - Batteryspace LiFePO4 "water bottle" pack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-08-23 15:22:47 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2654 Message: 2661

This is my final (hopefully) follow-up on my use of the batteryspace.com LiFePO4 battery pack in a water-bottle <http://www.batteryspace.com/waterbottlelifepo4battery128v6800mah8704whf\orhidhalogenbikelighttrial-techfemaleplug.aspx> to power a 30W HT amplifier for a 106 mile century (Reston Century, Reston Virginia; check the usual APRS internet sites for KS1G-7 on 8/21/2011 for details.)

Summary: Worked great. Absolutely no power issues. I like this battery. Looking forward to trying it with FT817 & HF packer amplifier. All connections stayed sufficiently dry including riding in a full downpour for the last 2-3 miles (could not quite beat the rain!).

Details: Battery pack is mounted in a seat-back (tri-geek style) water bottle holder. Inverted the battery to shorten the cable run a few inches and theoretically improve weather resistance. (Could also use seat tube or down tube bottle cages, and I think an underside down tube mount would work if your frame is big enough for a large bottle in that location.) Multiple velcro strips (cable management from retired APC UPS's) held power cable to bike frame top tube & kept the "TrailTech" connector together. (Could have used zip ties or tape.) Terminated male connector with 30A PowerPoles. "What's Up" to monitor battery and spliiter cable to power amplifier and have power available for VX8 HT if needed. All power pole connections used retention pins to keep things together and were inside the small handlebar bag holding the amplifier to keep them out of the weather.

I ran the VX8 at "hi" power off internal battery (~4W) resulting in 30W+ amplifier output, 5-6A draw on transmit. "Idle" current during receive (amplifier on but not used) ~ 0.1-0.2 A, 0.5A if HT connected/charging (not used for ride). APRS beacon was every 1-2 minutes (reduced to 2 min for about 25% of ride). Occassional voice ops. Turned off HT for longer rest stops (left battery connected). Ride time was 06:32, total time 07:54. Estimate ~ 7 hrs total use of HT (with APRS active).

The off-charge voltage was a bit over 14V but quickly drops to the 13.5-13.8 range. At the end of the ride, battery voltage was 13.25V during transmit and 57.3 WH had been used according to the Watt's Up. Battery is rated 84WH, so plenty of capacity remained. No indication of any battery sagging on transmit. Battery weighs slighty more than a filled 24oz/700 ml bike bottle; I consider this an acceptable penalty for a moderately hilly (~4,500 ft of climbing) century to get reliable power sufficient for the day's use. [In contrast, a 7AH 12V SLA weighs 5.5 - 6 pounds.]

The charger works well; it gets warm when plugged in so I would not recommend leaving it powered when not in use.

The only improvement I would like to see / might make myself is replacing the weather-resistant cable connector shipped by batteryspace with a locking weather-resistant connector.

I have not tried opening the bottle to look at the pack construction & packaging. I suspect they use the same pack as here: http://www.batteryspace.com/LiFePO4-26650-Battery-12.8V-6.8Ah-87Wh.-14A-\rate.aspx <http://www.batteryspace.com/LiFePO4-26650-Battery-12.8V-6.8Ah-87Wh.-14A\-rate.aspx> . FWIW, this pack is $10 more than the version packaged in the water bottle.

73, Steve KS1G

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2662. Using my FT-817 with antenna installed on my bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-08-31 23:32:08 UTC
From: CarlL
Topic: 2662 Message: 2662

I did a quick antenna install on my bicycle and was using my FT-817 and got great results! I got few QSO's at 2400 miles ++ under 30 minutes on 15M and 20M SSB Phone.

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Cheers,

Carl

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2663. Próxima montagem pra minha bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-09-01 12:29:52 UTC
From: Fernando Bosquetti
Topic: 2662 Message: 2663

O rádio e o acoplador eu já tenho, falta só a anteninha...

De: CarlL <carl.lavoie.1973@...>
Para: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Enviadas: Quarta-feira, 31 de Agosto de 2011 20:32
Assunto: [BMHA] Using my FT-817 with antenna installed on my bicycle

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Cheers,

Carl

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2664. Re: Using my FT-817 with antenna installed on my bicycle

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-09-02 15:24:50 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2662 Message: 2664

Carl,

Great job from the bike and nice video's ... we must arrange a bike to bike sked?

Regards ...

Dave G4AKC

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2665. Chameleon V2L Mounted on a Bicycle Stored on a Balcony

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-09-10 05:19:11 UTC
From: CarlL
Topic: 2665 Message: 2665

Chameleon V2L Mounted on a Bicycle Stored on a Balcony

The bicycle was located on the balcony at the second floor.

HF Power = 100W

This video shows a simple bicycle antenna setup. The V2L is grounded to
the bicycle frame and to the aluminum patio door to reduce the RX noise
in the transceiver.

Frequency operated:
40M

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJn2mipUC2k
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Cheers,

Carl

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2666. Dayton Hamvention 2012 forum approved

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-11-28 02:14:22 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2666 Message: 2666

We have been approved for a forum at the Dayton Hamvention in 2012. This will be our 22nd annual forum. Details as they become available. I am looking for volunteers who want to be a speaker or presenter. Contact me at my email, nf0n@...

Mike, NF0N

2667. Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-11-30 16:26:21 UTC
From: ki4jgt
Topic: 2667 Message: 2667

Hey guys,
This is KI4JGT. I was wondering if someone could give me all the information I needed to mount a bicycle with a 2 meter radio. I'm wanting to bike across the USA (from Kentucky to California and several places in between; niagra falls, mount rushmore, grand canyon, world trade center) I'm going to practice all Winter and then finally when the first day of summer comes along, I'm planning on leaving. I want to stay in one place about 2 days then leave for my next destination. I'm getting a job to buy supplies (so far: 2 M Radio, Bicycle, Palm/handheld device for photos/blog uploads/GPS/Wifi/finding places to stay/using paypal to pay for things) which I'm thinking would add up to around $500 dollars. I'm going to take an extra $500 for spending money with me. I'm also hoping to find sponsors and such, maybe even someone who will employ me to take the photos. Would any of you know of any other ideas I haven't considered? (I know there's bound to be tons) Please drop me a line and let me know. Thanks 73 DE KI4JGT.

2668. Re: Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-11-30 19:43:22 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2667 Message: 2668

Try looking at the index of past BMHA newsletters -- there are a number of articles on this and similar topics.
http://bmha-hams.org/Newsletter/NewsletterIndex.asp

Most people put an antenna on the back rack -- I personally prefer the antenna on the handlebars as I find it easier to mound/dismount without kicking the antenna.

- Skip AA6WK

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2669. Re: [BMHA] Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-11-30 20:30:01 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2667 Message: 2669

On 11/30/2011 10:26, ki4jgt wrote:
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Look through recent newsletters to find descriptions of past built rigs.
I prefer the antenna on the rear of the rack because I don't want
something poking my eyes out as I ride. Besides It's my brain I don't
want to irradiate with the RF.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 123,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
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http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-5,n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2670. Re: [BMHA] Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-11-30 20:49:52 UTC
From: harryseyfert1477
Topic: 2667 Message: 2670

I'm not sure you've considered routing, but a first stop is Adventure Cycling Association (http://www.adventurecenter.com/cycling/?gclid=CICZs6ua36wCFY3JKgodRSSzpQ#.TtaTDmPNlGU).

They started out as BikeCentennial. They have maps and lots of information on all aspects of cross country cycling. I used their maps to ride a portion of the "Great River Road" along the Mississippi. You'll find it easier to pedal from west to east, putting the prevailing winds on your back.

You didn't mention luggage for your bike. That's a complete study in itself.

Radio - 2m H/T not a bad choice. You may want to consider one that uses disposable batteries because you may not have charging power when you most need it. Take enough water for more than a day's need, just in case!

Have you done any long distance cycling in the past?

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----- Original Message -----
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2671. Re: [BMHA] Re: Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-11-30 20:50:54 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2667 Message: 2671

I attached a piece of aluminum to my bike rack so the antenna mount is about 13 inches beyond the end of the bike rack. I've had it on my bike for about 1 1/2 years now... and I haven't kicked my antenna yet.

I have a Topeak Explorer Tubular Rack and a Topeak Trunkbag on the rack With the antenna mount being about 13 inches beyind the end of the rack... I can slide the trunkbag off of the rack without having to take the antenna off of the mount (I made sure the aluminum I used was long enough so I could put the trunkbag on and off without having to remove the antenna).

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Skip
Date: 11/30/2011 2:43:33 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Biking Cross Country

Try looking at the index of past BMHA newsletters -- there are a number of articles on this and similar topics.
http://bmha-hams.org/Newsletter/NewsletterIndex.asp

Most people put an antenna on the back rack -- I personally prefer the antenna on the handlebars as I find it easier to mound/dismount without kicking the antenna.

- Skip AA6WK

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2672. RE: [BMHA] Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-11-30 23:00:11 UTC
From: William Schmidt
Topic: 2667 Message: 2672

You might consider a J pole antenna made from twin lead http://www.kb3kai.com/j-pole.php
You can use a fiberglass flag pole on the back of the bike to hold it up. Being a half wave design it doesn't need a ground plane and when you stop you can throw it up into a tree for greater height and coverage (which I believe you will need out west).
My friend just biked from Ct to Washington along the northern route. He really liked the adventure cycling maps. They detailed camping places, food sources and bike shops. He spent $5000 on the trip. Even campgrounds charge a fee so $500 sounds too little.
I would recommend taking several shake down rides to be sure your equipment is good.
Bill WV1N

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: ki4jgt@...
Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 16:26:21 +0000
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2673. Cycling cross country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 00:50:47 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2673 Message: 2673

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2674. Re: [BMHA] Cycling cross country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 01:03:59 UTC
From: harryseyfert1477
Topic: 2673 Message: 2674

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2675. Re: Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 03:51:00 UTC
From: Jay Baack
Topic: 2667 Message: 2675

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Besides the ham gear, what else is coming? Tent/sleeping bag/ repair kit / food... This all adds up very quickly in weight. More weight = slower travel = longer days = more stress on tires/bike frame..and YOU.

As far as ham gear, two words.
Bulletproof & KISS.

You want rugged gear that works when dropped, banged around and gets wet. I ran a HTX202. Ugly as sin, but worked the entire time, never failed, and I could run it on AAs if I needed to.

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2676. RE: [BMHA] Re: Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 04:50:35 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 2667 Message: 2676

One thing to consider is mailing stuff to yourself along the route. Long distance hikers do this all the time, and it's a very good way to keep the weight and cost down. You can look up Appalachian Trail backpacking and see how it's done there and get an idea. If you're camping on the road, it's a great way to get resupplied on food and seasonal clothing changes. Having a family member to mail pre-packaged boxes to you on a schedule or when you call them is a great way to make sure that they're their when you get there.

And as has been said by others, weight is the killer! Keep it as light as you possibly can!

Jack

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jay Baack
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 04:15:02 UTC
From: Bill Peacock
Topic: 2673 Message: 2677

What kind of a bike do you plan on using? I have done alot of research on this topic. I ride my bike so far 7 day's a week. And 5 of those day's is to work and back 6 miles round trip. Cold wx and wind not much fun, but otherwise ok. I maybee answer some of your questions if you have any for me. Got nmo mount Larsen 1/2 wave antenna mounted to the rear of the bike, a couple of 2.9 ah battteries hose clamped to the rear fender. Got a handlebar mount for a vx-7r, and an ipod,and gps. Can tell you what i like and dislike about what i put together in detail. And maybee what i would do if i was to make that trek across the US.
We can talk about it off line, as maybee some folks dont want to read my long winded boring details. All they way down to what to eat the night before you want to head out like spaghetti. I would like to ride with you if you would like a partner. Would have to take time off work to do it. Any idea on how many miles you want to peddle a day? Some guy's take this stuff really serious and devote thier life to biking, i dont want to get in the way of thier comments and or all that stuff. I think if some funding got arranged for food and hotels you, we, could do it. You dont want to peddle alone do ya?
What happens when we get a flat tire? I got AAA roadside assistance does that apply to a bike also :)

Bill, N0ARU

From: harryseyfert1477 <wd9fyf@...>
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2678. Re: [BMHA] Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 06:27:44 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2667 Message: 2678

Some others suggested the Adventure Cycling Association and I'll second that. There are numerous other state and local bike trails, either rail-to-trails type, or roads with cycling friendly improvements that make up suggested routes. Some are good, some not so... Finding out about them is harder too. Some Googling will be required. New York state has a number of highways designated as bike routes. All it usually means is they paved the shoulders and painted some lines before putting up the route markers, but it gets them a lot of Federal money...

I'd suggest checking out crazyguyonabike.com and reading what others have done. Thousands of people have ridden long-distance and many have written about it. You'll find at least several that have done something similar to what you want and get good ideas of what works there.

I think your budget is on the low side. You might stretch it by doing what they call stealth camping, that is finding a hidden spot off the road and camping out each night for free. It might mean begging forgiveness instead of permission once in a while, but can save money. You'll also eat a lot of fast food and stop at convenience stores for supplies rather than eat in restaurants if you want to go cheap. That and eat a lot of camp food.

Another way to find free lodging is warmshowers.org. It's a directory of people who are willing to host travellers for a night or two. It might just be a couch or a flat spot indoors to put your sleeping bag, but the price is right.

Sponsors? You'll need to be doing something really unusual to get sponsored. As I said, thousands of people have ridden coast-to-coast on a bike.

As for radios, simple and rugged was good advice. Personally, I wouldn't want to spend my trip with 2M FM squawking in my ear. I'd stick a HT in my bags for an emergency but probably not ride with it on. I'd find a QRP rig and some wire antennas to toss in a tree while camping more enjoyable. But you do whatever you want, it's your trip.

If you get near Niagara Falls, look me up. I live about 15 miles east of NF. I'm right on the ACA Norther Tier Route, NY Erie Canalway Trail, NY Bike Routes 5 & 517 and can fill you in on all the local info.

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Al AE2T

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2679. Bike tour planning

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 17:27:24 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2679 Message: 2679

Jay us providing good advice. The best advice I can give you is buy this book: http://www.amazon.com/Bike-Touring-Sierra-Outdoor-Adventure/dp/1578051428/ref=sr_1_sc_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1322758547&sr=8-1-spell and read it cover-to-cover.

You COULD do it on a $500 bike, if you knew what to look for. Somewthing like a used Trek 420 or 520 for example. Or if you get a new bike, you could do worse than a Surly Long Haul Trucker. About $25 a day for food is good (you will be HUNGRY). I usually get the bigger trucker's breakfast I can find and patronize
Subways the rest of the day. A mix of camping and motels will average another $25.

Adventure Cycling is definitely worth joining. Their maps are excellent, if perhaps too detailed. I would recommend that you take a GPS (or a smart phone/Palm/Pocket PC). I bought a car GPS (Garmin Nuvi) for my tour through Ohio after Dayton and it was very useful for finding food and lodging as well as routes. But battery power is an issue so you have to do something to address that. I always carry my netbook now. It has map software (Mapsource, Mappoint and Street Atlas) for overall route planning, and it can be used to recharge the PDA and transfer waypoints to it. And it can access the internet, which is your best friend on a trip like this (before and during). I used to use APRS but now carry a SPOT (www.findmespot.com) to let people know where I am. I added their road-assistance feature but haven't tried it from the bike yet!

Read the book, get the
bike, and try riding about 75 miles a day over three days on a long weekend. Try to include one rainy, cold day! A few flat's would be good too. But when you actually get going on your tour, cold rain and flats won't bother you. It's quite magical. Bike tourists do seem to have a guardian angel, but you must prepare. "God helps those..." you know. There are lots of stores onine by bike tourists and they can be quite inspiring. Check out my friends here: www.toddlerontour.com. They learned a LOT on their trip and you can benefit from that.

Let us know before you set off.

73, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

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2680. Re: Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 17:45:37 UTC
From: ki4jgt
Topic: 2667 Message: 2680

LOL. I will probably rear mount. Conveniences of having a fully unblocked view and all.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Norm Huber <n9zks@...> wrote:
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> - Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
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> http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-5,n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2681. Re: Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 17:47:20 UTC
From: ki4jgt
Topic: 2667 Message: 2681

This'll be a first. I am planning on training all winter and leaving the first or second week of spring.
--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, harryseyfert1477 <wd9fyf@...> wrote:
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> I'm not sure you've considered routing, but a first stop is Adventure Cycling Association
> (http://www.adventurecenter.com/cycling/?gclid=CICZs6ua36wCFY3JKgodRSSzpQ#.TtaTDmPNlGU).
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> They started out as BikeCentennial. They have maps and lots of information on all aspects of cross country cycling. I used their maps to ride a portion of the "Great River Road" along the Mississippi. You'll find it easier to pedal from west to east, putting the prevailing winds on your back.
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> You didn't mention luggage for your bike. That's a complete study in itself.
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2682. Re: Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 18:03:39 UTC
From: ki4jgt
Topic: 2667 Message: 2682

Understood. For places to stay, I'm planning to use the couchsurfer's network. Basically, they offer free couches/beds/guest rooms to travelers.

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From: ki4jgt
Topic: 2673 Message: 2683

It doesn't matter to me. The more the merrier. You may contact me on Skype ki4jgt or ki4jgt@...

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Bill Peacock <n0aru@...> wrote:
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> What kind of a bike do you plan on using? I have done alot of research on this topic. I ride my bike so far 7 day's a week. And 5 of those day's is to work and back 6 miles round trip. Cold wx and wind not much fun, but otherwise ok. I maybee answer some of your questions if you have any for me. Got nmo mount Larsen 1/2 wave antenna mounted to the rear of the bike, a couple of 2.9 ah battteries hose clamped to the rear fender. Got a handlebar mount for a vx-7r, and an ipod,and gps. Can tell you what i like and dislike about what i put together in detail. And maybee what i would do if i was to make that trek across the US.
> We can talk about it off line, as maybee some folks dont want to read my long winded boring details. All they way down to what to eat the night before you want to head out like spaghetti. I would like to ride with you if you would like a partner. Would have to take time off work to do it. Any idea on how many miles you want to peddle a day? Some guy's take this stuff really serious and devote thier life to biking, i dont want to get in the way of thier comments and or all that stuff. I think if some funding got arranged for food and hotels you, we,Â could do it. You dont want to peddle alone do ya?
> What happens when we get a flat tire? I got AAA roadside assistance does that apply to a bike also :)
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> Bill,Â N0ARU
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> From: harryseyfert1477 <wd9fyf@...>
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 7:03 PM
> Subject: Re: [BMHA] Cycling cross country
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> Wow! That has been my dream of a lifetime bike trip! Top to Bottom of the Americas!
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> I tried to get info on such a trip as that back in the '80s. Contacted National Geographic for any helpful advice. Sort of got the brush off!
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> Harry, WD9FYF
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "n7net" <n7net@...>
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 6:50:47 PM
> Subject: [BMHA] Cycling cross country
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> Familyonbikes Vogel finished a trip from Prudoe Bay, Alaska to the southern most tip of South America. It took them two years. You can google them. Nancy may have advice.
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2684. Re: [BMHA] Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 20:37:37 UTC
From: Dan and Alison
Topic: 2667 Message: 2684

Another great resource for bikers to find places to stay is http://www.warmshowers.org/. People on this website are all cyclists, so the understand the needs of long-distance bikers. We have stayed with several families, as well as hosted many cyclists.

Dan
NX9C

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From: ki4jgt <ki4jgt@...>
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Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 8:26 AM
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2685. Re: [BMHA] Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 20:31:31 UTC
From: Dan and Alison
Topic: 2667 Message: 2685

Hello,

In 2088 my family and I biked across the US, from Oregon to Maine. You can go to our blog http://www.shut-up-and-pedal.blogspot.com/ to read all about our adventures. We had a blast!

Dan
NX9C

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2686. Re: [BMHA] Biking Cross Country

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-01 21:36:17 UTC
From: b4ac
Topic: 2667 Message: 2686

Hello,
It is a beautiful travel plans!
I use a quarter wave with a spring at the base. It is attached to the bicycle frame near the rear wheel.
Maybe you could use a trailer for luggage, attach a half-wave antenna and a small solar panel to recharge the battery from the radio.
safe journey
F4GKC

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2687. APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-13 03:57:36 UTC
From: wd9fyf
Topic: 2687 Message: 2687

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2688. Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-13 05:11:22 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2687 Message: 2688

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KE7NZA

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2689. Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-13 13:10:26 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2687 Message: 2689

Why pick 1) transmit your location via APRS or 2) track the roads
you are on??? Why not do both???

I have an older Garmin GPS V that I can use to track the roads I'm on
AND send its NMEA output to my Kenwood TH-D7A so I can transmit
my location via APRS (and put a freq into the other VFO/memory to
talk on repeaters)

I have Li-Ion batteries in the trunk bag on my bike which I use to power
both the HT and GPS. I could power both devises for days at a time if
I wanted/needed to.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Mickey Applebaum
Date: 12/13/2011 12:11:31 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile

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2690. Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-13 14:18:20 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2687 Message: 2690

On 12/12/2011 21:57, wd9fyf wrote:
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2691. Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-13 14:37:00 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2687 Message: 2691

Sealed lead acid is a good way to go... you really can't beat the
price-to-capacity for them. However... going to Ni-MH (making up
a battery back with 8 to 10 D cells) or going to Li-Ion will most likely
cost more for the same capacity... but cuts down in weight.

Some of the people in the Yaesu FT-817 group have bought and
played around with some of those Li-Ion batteries from China on
eBay. You can get 9800mAh batteries and other sizes... but they
don't live up to their claimed capacities.

if you get 5000mAh out of the 9800mAh battery back... still a lot
lighter than a 5Ah sealed lead acid battery and probably cheaper
than buying 8 to 10 D cell Ni-MH batteries to make a pack of the
same capacity.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Norm Huber
Date: 12/13/2011 9:19:51 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile

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2692. Re: APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-13 20:30:13 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2687 Message: 2692

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Norm Huber <n9zks@...> wrote:
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>(snip)
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Actually, think a bit longer on your own question. Since FM-AFSK, FSK, and AFSK of a SSB transmission are ALL full power, carrier on full time when transmissions are made, there is no efficiency difference between any of them.
FM radios are, of course, used most often since they are numerous, available, cheap, and work well for the application. What's not to like? It could be accurately argued that FM/AFSK occupies a wider bandwidth, but band crowding has not been a problem in the ham radio world for the last 20 or so years. 144.39 is arguably the most populated and overcrowded frequency in the western hemisphere, BUT the system works marvelously well, with a large percentage of traffic getting to its intended destination. You can monitor the channel with your speaker or watch all the nonsensical beacons filling up your APRS/Packet screen all day and all night, but who cares? None of us have to listen to it or watch it to enjoy the use and utility of this multi-purpose channel. We let our microprocessors deal with the congestion and they do it without complaint.
W5AOX

2693. K4BQN Introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-14 15:53:47 UTC
From: Edwin R. Cortes
Topic: 2693 Message: 2693

Hello Everyone,

This is just a short intro and also a thank you for this forum. I have been searching for a place to find more information about bicycle mobile and I think I found it here.
My name is Ed and call is K4BQN, I live in Palm Bay, Florida and having a Ham for over 30 years. I enjoy the digital modes, camping and riding my Trike.

I have a TerraTrike Path 8 speed, we do not have many hills here in Florida. I have an all ICOM station, operating HF, VHF and UHF. I have a few antennas that I can use depending on what I am doing, AH_703, Buddipole, Alex Loop and many more. I am in the process of researching a better mode of powering my station. At this time I'm using a 4.5 Ah NiMH battery and is ok for short rides, but I will like to take the trike on extended tours and I'm thinking at any available options.

I presently use the LC-156 back pack to carry the radio and accessories, but I am looking for better ways to carry the radio.

I just created an album and uploaded some pictures of my trike. I hope you enjoy them.

Thank you and 73's

2694. Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-14 20:11:05 UTC
From: harryseyfert1477
Topic: 2687 Message: 2694

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2695. Re: APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-14 21:29:27 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2687 Message: 2695

The beauty of APRS is that you, the user, do not have to concern yourself with where and who the digipeaters are. If you set up your beacon path to WIDE2-2, for instance, if ANY aprs digi hears your beacons, they will be relayed at least twice, ensuring a high percentage of your position reports will be heard (and transferred to the internet) by various Igates which exist all over the country.
So instead of worrying about "a digi to look for", all you have to do is look up a desired APRS callsign via any number of online tracking services which "mine" the APRS server data stream for position reports and other datum.
My favorite such site is http://aprs.fi
And to quickly search for a callsign to see if it's out there in the APRS-Sphere just add the callsign to the end of the URL address like so:

http://aprs.fi/w5aox-6 (My bicycle-track, current up to the recent freezing snow and rain of the last 10 days)
Or, if you have been transmitting positions using the call wd9fyf-9, try
http://aprs.fi/wd9fyf-9

I doubt you're going to be able to see or read the display on a TT4 while in motion; it's difficult for me to even seen the GPS display while riding although I DO occasionally try to glance at it, especially if in strange territory.
The important thing to watch for when considering a GPS unit for APRS use is to make SURE it has the ability (and the connector, whether USB or serial) to output NMEA serial data so it can be used by your APRS system. I find that few of the newer GPS devices do any such thing, while it is common in the older GPS units such as Garmin 18, Delorme Tripmate, and most of the puck-type units withh no onboard display. Byonics.com and Argent both sell such pucks at relatively decent prices. My current setup is an Argent data systems OpenTracker II (OT2) (costs the same as a byonics TT3, with more features such as onboard temperature and input voltage reporting, interesting data for a bicyclist) getting its GPS data from a Garmin 350 (available commonly for $50 + or - used on Ebay) - using another Argent device, the garmin translator cable interface (https://www.argentdata.com/catalog/product_reviews_info.php?products_id=113&reviews_id=102&osCsid=33509616186bba966e60a6b97f5a14ee)
My advice is to spend a hundred or so bucks and get your feet wet with aprs. It's fun and addictive, especially for a cyclist.... I started out cheap and now probably have $1000 worth of APRS systems in all my vehicles, including bicycles and backpacks. But even if you only have ONE aprs system and move it from bike to vehicle etc. it will surely be great fun for you (and for your fam to monitor when they want to see what their crazy relative is doing on his bike currently).
Jim W5AOX
http://www.qsl.net/w5aox
http://jimsabqbicycleblog.blogspot.com/

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> From: "Mickey Applebaum" <ke7nza@...>
> To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Monday, December 12, 2011 11:11:22 PM
> Subject: Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile
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> After having the opportunity to attend several presentations by Bob Bruninga (the father of APRS) I think I can make these statements about APRS and be accurate..
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> 2 Meter FM works well because it doesn't propagate all over the place.. part of the point about APRS is that you want local APRS traffic to stay local. Since GPS location information is only a part of what APRS provides (were you aware that it is a fully functioning bi-directional real time texting service as well?). 2 Meter FM also links in well with the whole digipeater and Internet connectivity scheme.
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> Also, APRS is a protocol on top of the radio transmission.... I know of locations where they are using 70cm FM for their APRS system. Bob talks about another area in the country where they got a great deal on 6 Meter FM repeater equipment and thus set up a 6 Meter APRS Digipeater network.
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> I have also worked events where we used a 2 Meter simplex freq for a non-digipeat APRS system (similar to what they do at the Dayton Hamfest from what I have heard.
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> Getting past all that... What is it you want to do while on the bike, transmit your location via APRS or have a GPS mounted so you can track the roads you are on?

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> For the latter I use the GPS Mapping feature of my Blackberry on a handlebar mount. Works great although the display on my Blackberry is a tad small... but bigger than many of the Garmin bicycle based GPS tracking systems out there.... My Blackberry will run for about 6 - 8 hours with mapping on continuously and I carry two extra charged batteries with me everywhere I go.
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> Speaking of which, my wife has a Garmin 500 on her bike and it tracks your routes if you want it to... but the Garmin 700 is a much larger color display and it allows you to upload/download maps and routes directly from your computer to the device (i.e. you can create your route on Map My Ride, save it as a Garmin import file and then import it to the 700 and follow the route you mapped directly). My wife's 500 will go for 10-12 hours on a charge (well, let me put it this way, she's been on rides that have lasted 12 hours, like each day of the STP, and the battery didn't die).
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> If you are looking to broadcast your location then I would suggest the Byonics Micro-Trak All In One (http://www.byonics.com/mt-aio). It runs on a set of AA batteries (you can use NiMH or NiCad) and will last a week on a single set of Alkaline high power (like the Duracell Electronics batteries) when using the basic broadcast setup.
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> Mickey
> KE7NZA
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> >>> wd9fyf< wd9fyf@... > 12/12/2011 8:57 PM >>>
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> I suspect this subject has been worked over in the past, but I probably missed it.
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> Is there any good solution to this? The GPS receivers I have read about either have no battery operation or not much run time. Likewise, the 2m access needs to have a bit of power. So, is there a sensible solution? I know I would want at least 8 hours run time with good mapping for all those rural roads so I could actually tell where I am.
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2696. Re: [BMHA] K4BQN Introduction

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-15 01:34:30 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2693 Message: 2696

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From: n7net
Topic: 2693 Message: 2697

Edwin and Norm,

I own a Sun Trike. I have two lead batteries mounted beneath the seat that are wired in parallel. I run an MFJ-9420 and send 7 or 8 watts to a ham stick tuned so that the match box stays home. I use an old World War II Jeep key that clamps to my thigh. I enjoy the trike because it provides a place to set because I don't do CW well on the move.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2698. APRS for Bicycle Mobile (Or any mobile use)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-15 02:12:37 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2698 Message: 2698

There are three things a number of things you can do with APRS:
1 Send short text messages.
2 Send your position to local stations or internet connected individuals.
3 Receive local operator's position on your GPS's display

The equipment needed to preform these functions is of course different.
Text requires a keypad on the mike and a display.
Just about any GPS/radio device will send our position to the APRS
network fairly efficiently.
When I am supporting a charity ride from my motorcycle I would love to
see where the other support stations were in relation to me and the
route. That is becoming harder due to the fact very few GPS's still
support NEMA strings and support two way communication with the radio. I
may be forced to get a mount for my cell phone and use APRSdroid to
display the stations around me.
As far as power, the antenna is still the key to getting out. There are
lots of ground independent antennas out there, pick one and tune it
correctly.
Good luck. Maybe we will end up with tablets and an app to interface
with our radios. Sure would give us a great size display.
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2699. Re: APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-15 04:41:30 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2687 Message: 2699

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From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2687 Message: 2700

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2701. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-15 23:18:52 UTC
From: Tyrell Berry
Topic: 2687 Message: 2701

It doesn't look like anyone else directly answered this question, so I will:

Harry, WD9FYF, it is my understanding that the TT4 functions as a KISS TNC
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Yep! I have one of those and bought it with the mating plug-bare wires cables to add power poles connectors. I did find that their Trail Tech connector can easily disconnect if pulled on, so strain relief or some way of keeping it connected may be needed. Otherwise works quite well, fits a bottle cage perfectly, and I don't have to worry about keeping the battery out of the rain. Not particularly cheap, but the power density for the weight is excellent.

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2703. Re: K4BQN Introduction

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Date: 2011-12-16 18:22:18 UTC
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Topic: 2693 Message: 2703

Hello Everyone,

THank you for the welcome and sugestions. I have uploaded a few more pictures, where I move the backpack mounting area which allows me space for my panniers and also found a great mount for my IC92AD. THe mount is a Garmin GPS mount that I found at West Marine, cut an opening to put thru a velcro belt that allows me to secure the radio.

Cheers,

Ed

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Edwin R. Cortes" <ercortes@...> wrote:
>
> Hello Everyone,
>
> This is just a short intro and also a thank you for this forum. I have been searching for a place to find more information about bicycle mobile and I think I found it here.
> My name is Ed and call is K4BQN, I live in Palm Bay, Florida and having a Ham for over 30 years. I enjoy the digital modes, camping and riding my Trike.
>
> I have a TerraTrike Path 8 speed, we do not have many hills here in Florida. I have an all ICOM station, operating HF, VHF and UHF. I have a few antennas that I can use depending on what I am doing, AH_703, Buddipole, Alex Loop and many more. I am in the process of researching a better mode of powering my station. At this time I'm using a 4.5 Ah NiMH battery and is ok for short rides, but I will like to take the trike on extended tours and I'm thinking at any available options.
>
> I presently use the LC-156 back pack to carry the radio and accessories, but I am looking for better ways to carry the radio.
>
> I just created an album and uploaded some pictures of my trike. I hope you enjoy them.
>
> Thank you and 73's
>

2704. question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-17 15:38:55 UTC
From: wb9nlz
Topic: 2704 Message: 2704

Is there going to be a group meeting at Dayton? Activities?

I plan to be at FDIM (as clubhouse columnist and new editor of QQ)and would like to meet some of your group.

Tim
WB9NLZ

2705. Re: [BMHA] question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-17 18:13:39 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2704 Message: 2705

On 12/17/2011 09:38, wb9nlz wrote:
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>
> I plan to be at FDIM (as clubhouse columnist and new editor of QQ)and
> would like to meet some of your group.
>

The forum Sunday morning is scheduled. I'm not aware of any program
planned. We also have tried to pull of a ride on the bike trail on the
west side of town the last few years on Saturday afternoon.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
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- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
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2706. Pusher trailer...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-20 19:16:43 UTC
From: Bill Vodall
Topic: 2706 Message: 2706

Has anybody any experience with one of these?

  http://www.ridekick.com/

Seems it would be idea for bringing along a Ham Station or APRS node.

73
Bill - WA7NWP

2707. RE: [BMHA] Pusher trailer...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-20 19:31:25 UTC
From: Jack Smith
Topic: 2706 Message: 2707

It's a commercial version of a Bidwell pusher. You could research those. Instructables.com has some good plans for DIY ones, and also some reviews on their use. I would think it would all depend on what kind of range you're looking for.

Jack KE4LWT

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Vodall
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 9:17 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Pusher trailer...

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Bill - WA7NWP

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2708. Re: Pusher trailer...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-20 20:48:26 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2706 Message: 2708

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72 de Scott/n7net

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> Bill - WA7NWP
>

2709. Pusher

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-22 04:13:13 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2709 Message: 2709

Why didn't I think of that!

BTW Merry Xmas, Happy Hanukkah and best wishes for the new year (sunspots and KX3's for everyone!).

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

From: "BMHA@yahoogroups.com" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2011 2:25 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Digest Number 994

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1a.
Pusher trailer... From: Bill Vodall
1b.
Re: Pusher trailer... From: Jack Smith
1c.
Re: Pusher trailer... From: n7net View All Topics | Create New Topic Messages
1a.
Pusher trailer...
Posted by: "Bill Vodall" wa7nwp@... wa7nwp
Tue Dec 20, 2011 11:16 am (PST)

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2710. Re: question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-29 02:33:39 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 2704 Message: 2710

Hi Tim,

Mike, NF0N and I will be at the FDIM gathering again this year and we will be staying at the FDIM hotel. We are planning on having another bike ride this year on Saturday afternoon. Weather permitting. If
the weather smiles on us, we will have a great ride, and I hope a short show and tell of the hardware on our rolling ham stations.

Our Forum at the Hamvention will again be on Sunday morning. Mike will have more about what is going on at the forum later as things shape up. We will no doubt have a few bikes at the forum for show and tell again this year, so that others who are getting the itch to ride can maybe get some ideas for their own bikes.

Like last years ride, we will be starting at 1PM on the "Creekside trail" at Eastwood park, and will head south and then southeast to Xenia, we will turn around and head back to where we started. The trail meets up with several other trails and riders can go as long as they want before turning around. Last year I think we did about 25 miles round trip on Saturday. Mike and I checked out the trail on Thursday afternoon, and at the time we did about 40 miles.

Here is a link to the Miami valley trails website info on the creekside trail.

http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/creeks.htm

I look forward to seeing you at FDIM this year. If you are at Hamcation in Orlando in Febr, I'll be there with Joe, K0NEB, and
maybe we will run across each other. Since we are flying down I wont
have a bike with me, as they charge a lot for non-carry on luggage.

More to come as time gets closer. I will post details, my cell phone number and a 2M talk in freq for the trail head.

73 for now...

Arnie KA0NCR

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "wb9nlz" <wb9nlz@...> wrote:
>
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2711. Yaesu FT-817 ND with Tuner & Power Supply

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-02 02:19:35 UTC
From: kd8ldn
Topic: 2711 Message: 2711

I'm selling my QRP station, just listed on QRZ. Any questions, feel free to ask.
Can't wait for spring to get back on 2 wheels.

http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?327229-Yaesu-FT-817-ND-with-Tuner-amp-Power-Supply&p=2426215#post2426215

John KD8LDN

2712. Re: Yaesu FT-817 ND with Tuner & Power Supply

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-02 04:13:07 UTC
From: kd8ldn
Topic: 2711 Message: 2712

Sold, payment received. Thanks to all for looking.
Thanks Fred & QRZ for allowing this great service,
John KD8LDN

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> John KD8LDN
>

2713. Re: [BMHA] APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2011-12-13 13:23:50 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2687 Message: 2713

----- Original Message -----
From: "wd9fyf"
(snip)
> I don't truly understand why 2m fm radios are used when fsk of a carrier
> or afsk of a ssb signal would be much more efficient.

So, instead of folks using the radios they already have, you want them to buy NEW radios just to use APRS? And the few that do will have fewer folks to contact on the air.

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

2714. Re: Yaesu FT-817 ND with Tuner & Power Supply

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-02 14:09:12 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2711 Message: 2714

Congratulations, that was quick. I have an FT-817 with a whole bunch of accessories like you did, I may have to sell mine also. I have the Elecraft KX3 ordered and will most likely phase out the 817.

Looking forward to the riding season also, too cold now, but it has to get warmer sometime.

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> > John KD8LDN
> >
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2715. Re: APRS and Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-02 15:23:42 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2687 Message: 2715

Please try to stay on topic.

73 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Richard Amirault" <ramirault@...> wrote:
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2717. K6BBQ with a video trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-26 05:41:10 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2717 Message: 2717

Hi guys

While this isn't related to bicycle mobile, it is related to ham radio.
I want you to take a look at this trailer I have made to promote the February 4th FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off) contest and to let hams know that I will be making a video of our 2012 FYBO outing.

http://youtu.be/elWjGYdxmsA

If you know of any hams or non-ham friends that would like to see this, please share it with them plus any ham clubs that you think will like it.

73
Rem
K6BBQ
BBQ Ham Radio sent straight to your radio

2718. Re: K6BBQ with a video trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-27 17:00:38 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2717 Message: 2718

When IS FYBO exactly? I passed on mountaintopping for the January VHF contest because there was a blizzard up there.Not afraid of the cold, though!
72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2719. Re: K6BBQ with a video trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-27 17:08:45 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2717 Message: 2719

Freeze Your Butt Off.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...> wrote:
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2720. Re: [BMHA] Re: K6BBQ with a video trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-27 17:20:14 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2717 Message: 2720

They asked "when" is FYBO... not "what" is FYBO.

Not sure... but I think it was said in another group that it will
be Feb 4th... but I'm not 100% sure.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: n7net
Date: 1/27/2012 12:13:26 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: K6BBQ with a video trailer

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72 de Scott/n7net

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2721. Re: K6BBQ with a video trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-27 17:48:57 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2717 Message: 2721

Hi

Yes it is a week from Saturday on February 4, 1400-2400 GMT.

You can see the full details (exchange, bonus points.. etc) at
the FYBO - Arizona ScQRPions website-

http://www.azscqrpions.com/fybo2009rules.html

72

Rem

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2722. Re: K6BBQ with a video trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-28 16:13:31 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2717 Message: 2722

Oh, Yeah, Arizona. Hard for a Canadian to believe it gets cold down there :^)

Yeah, I've heard they have mountains too.

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2723. Re: [BMHA] Re: K6BBQ with a video trailer

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-01-28 16:20:09 UTC
From: Rem .
Topic: 2717 Message: 2723

On Sat, Jan 28, 2012 at 8:13 AM, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...>wrote:

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Sent from my jPad
It's the latest version of the iPad

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2724. Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-05 14:45:32 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2724 Message: 2724

For about the past year and a half, I have been operating Bicycle Mobile on 20, 17 and 10 meters, all SSB with 50 watts or less. My bicycle station is amazingly simple, I have worked 89 counties worked from the bike, just 11 more to go for a Bicycle Mobile DXCC. Does anyone know of anyone that has completed DXCC from a bike or who has the highest number of countries worked from a bike?

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-06 03:39:05 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2724 Message: 2725

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-06 14:57:13 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2726 Message: 2726

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2727. Re: Dayton Hamvention 2012 BMHA Forum Program

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-06 15:44:33 UTC
From: ka9rsl
Topic: 2726 Message: 2727

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Sounds interesting. One of my bikes, with 2 meters, APRS and a BOB trailer with an Icom 703+ with buddistick antenna may be on display in the flea market for a local company who specializes in solar energy. Expect to have at least 2 bikes there. One for the ride and the display one. One of them will have the APRS and 2 meter setup that I use as a bike mobile SAG at the Hilly Hundred. I'm sure most of you know that the Hilly Hundred was started by Hartley Alley.

Also, I will probably be arriving in Dayton by noon or earlier on thursday and could go along to check out the trail for the ride if you would like the company for that.

Keith, KA9RSL

2728. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-06 18:27:46 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2724 Message: 2728

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-06 21:56:25 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2724 Message: 2729

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2731. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-06 23:42:06 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2724 Message: 2731

Donn:

You have a lot of good ideas and retrospectives here:

> At one time, all of us had numbers for our membership
I don't remember any such thing, but I do have (and maintain) the BMHA original membership list (loosly affiliated with this Yahoo group -- see www.BMHA-Hams.org for the details). There is an unchanging membership number (I need to look my own one up -- I'm typing this at work and don't have my superuser access to the database).

If the membership would like, I can add the member number to our online database at
http://www.bmha-hams.org/Content/membership.asp
if people think there is value.

> An award
That's a great idea. Even if ARRL, CQ or whatnot doesn't do one -- all we need is a volunteer Awards Administrator and we can create our own award. I'm happy to add it to our website.

Frankly, I'm >blown out of the water< that we have some members who have done or are close to DXCC while on a bicycle.

My only bicycle-mobile QSL card (I have the card) is with the Pioneer 10 Space Probe well beyond Neptune (it was the special-event station 10 miles from my house, but the card doesn't show that bit of information)
http://www.bmha-hams.org/Newsletter/images/V05N02p08.jpg

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It went to $10/year and has now been >free< for the past several years. Since we don't publish a paper newsletter and I donate the website presence, our expenses are low. We have enough to keep us in business for a few years (there are expenses, but not on the order of publishing and postage).

> get of the bike and do the presentation
Hear! Hear!
Come to Dayton, or volunteer to take a leadership position in our group. We'd love to have you!

> there are apparently other BMHA members that are never asked to do anything
Guilty ... Hartly was a great motivator. Our current leadership (although committed) hasn't been active in recruiting. It is hard when you have a "day job".

> List of possible BMHA awards
Great ideas -- if someone will volunteer to administer, we have the web space and audience to publish these wonderful achievements

In closing, we've been kind of dormant, but we certainly aren't dead. I'd like to give a special thanks to Mike NF0N for keeping our presence at Dayton and doing the hard job of membership administration.

73,
- Skip AA6WK
Webmaster@...
http://www.BMHA-Hams.org

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, tipledan@... wrote:
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> Great newsletter stuff here. Hey, Ron, you've got that same kind of
> enthusiasm that Hartley used to bring to the group. Its fun just to hear it.
> Thanks for the thoughts and insights. As I recall, way back there when I
> was actually serving as a NCS for Hartley, the thought of an award (s) was
> often a topic of the moment.
> At one time, all of us had numbers for our membership ala many other ham
> organizations. I've forgotten mine long ago. Darn.
> In fact, the award you mention is one we discussed more than once. There
> was this notion of several creative cards, events and awards back then,
> 1990. I wonder how many of the riders from back then are still with us?
> Things change and benign neglect sets in.
> On the other hand, there are BMHA members that are never asked to do
> anything whatsoever in any way by anybody. The busy get busier for a reason.
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> With the articles Hartley did in QRZ and the presentations made at Dayton
> (and other sites) by many of our members, awareness was slowly building.
> That's what I recall. Also, we were very fair in fees and remain so. At
> Dayton, as I recall, the one time, life-time $5 fee was the first and only
> fee to join. I think that has changed somewhat but remain uncertain.
> At Hartley's demise, we were just sort of on the back burner, however,
> with completing all of that. One problem I recall Hartley at Dayton
> mentioning more than once that riders had to get off the bike and do the
> presentation so often it takes you so much time that the day just zips past
> and....no time to ride! A few years back, I submitted for the groups use in
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> The advent of internet and Yahoo group messages is a monster change and
> brings along opportunities but the manpower issue and creative use of new
> technology remains a daunting task, as it always is with volunteer
> organizations.
> Eyeball QSO's....we talked about that, newsletters, nets and.....lots of
> talk, few Indians. And, here's a thought...while riding my Nishiki Safari
> half way across the nation, not once was I ever asked to do anything for
> our group, BMHA. On several occasions in 1991 I'd sign into the national

> BHMA HF net and no one would be asking where I was riding or what I was doing
> or how to help in anything.
> It seemed that all of us working from our rides were short on power and
> antenna and time and I'm wondering if that would still happen.
> I was fortunate in that my chance of being heard was excellent. I signed
> in to my HF home station via remote 440 hook up, and had a good time with
> that but as things turned out, as far as I am aware, no other riders set up
> their stations with a remote UHF to HF hook up (bike to home).
> I always thought that was because most hams are ancient mariners
> accustomed to being alone on a big sea. Very few have what Hartley had...creative
> drive and infectious enthusiasm.
> Finally, I would think most riders still like to go as light weight as
> they can and these days, the cell phone is without question, the better choice
> on that front. So, there needs to be a good reason to take the heavier
> radios, etc. And, I've seen BMHA riders pulling a cart filled with baby,
> full camping gear, musical instruments, weeks' worth of food and
> water......all behind their 11 lb bicycle.
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> However, you've hit upon a very interesting item: The use of HF to sign
> into national SSB and CW nets from the seat on your ride. And, the use of
> Echo Link to sign into ongoing EL nets. And, awards sponsored by BMHA!
> Why doesn't BMHA establish its own series of awards that we use to
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> achievement award 3. Longest HF bands contacts 4. Rest Area contacts award
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2732. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-07 00:18:51 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2724 Message: 2732

Hi guys,

Please allow me to throw my 2.5 cents in although I've never been to Dayton and don't have any plans to fly out from California, I have to watch the money plus pain and stamina issues that keep me from going to the regional hamfest here.

Since it seems there are only a couple who want awards right now, it probably wouldn't cost much to make unique, individual ones on a computer if someone does Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop or some other graphics tool. I think anyone with any of these personal goals, DXCC, WAS, etc. is driven by the sheer fact that they want to do it - I am with my tricycle mobile WAS. I don't operate that regularly but last year I did get my list in order so I know what states I have confirmed with QSL and which ones I need still. If the ARRL had a WAS for mobiles, it wouldn't mean that much to me as I feel bicycle/tricycle mobile is a completely different animal.

Trying to let the general ham audience know that they can earn awards for contacting bike mobiles (similar to hams talking to SOTA - Summits On The Air hams on mountain tops) has one long term issue, it needs a regular stream of activity from the bike mobile hams so that hams chasing the bike mobile ops don't lose interest because of not many bike mobile ops. That's why I wouldn't want to promote it to a general audience.

Hopefully there are hams that would be willing to get off their shack chairs and build a bike mobile station and take ham radio outdoors. I hear more about the pedestrian mobile way and not sure if it is the same people talking or if that group is growing. Sometimes I think whether you do ham walking or pedaling there are only people watching on youtube thinking, "I'll watch that" all the while another potato chip (AKA crisps over in England) is shoved into their mouth.

What to do? (rhetorical question)

Rem
K6BBQ

2734. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-07 00:49:37 UTC
From: Bill Vodall
Topic: 2724 Message: 2734

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> citation and accept his word as is when it occurs. We don't collect the QSL
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Might it be possible to leverage the electronic QSL services (LOTW,
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and beginning to see what can be done. Maybe there's a database
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Bill - WA7NWP

2736. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-07 01:57:32 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 2724 Message: 2736

Perhaps, as documentation, accompanying gpx files might be accepted?
Toby W0LZD

On Mon, Feb 6, 2012 at 6:49 PM, Bill Vodall <wa7nwp@...> wrote:

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2737. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-07 02:34:04 UTC
From: Rem .
Topic: 2724 Message: 2737

Hi Donn,

Thank you for the kind words. I'm glad you like the videos.
I use iMovie for movie editing which is built into the Apple operating system. I don't have any experience using graphic design software. I use a generic, open source competitor to MS Office. If there is a certificate template in there, a certificate would look cheap and run of the mill at best.

If there is a way to give me video footage from your Dayton gathering, I will be glad to make it into a video for the BMHA. That is where my current artistic experience lies.

Rem

On Mon, Feb 6, 2012 at 5:29 PM, <tipledan@...> wrote:

> Rem, after due deliberation and careful study of your extraordinary
> videos,
> I'd offer up that you're creative enough to do work on the certificate of
> award (s) for the BMHA sans zombies, farts, belches and visits with santa,
> LOL. Very funny and interesting stuff in those videos. I enjoyed them a
> whole bunch.
> This should be very much like falling off a log for your level of
> creativity. Send me something, please.
> So, what could you do with a simple certificate for WAS and DXCC for BMHA.
> I also recall the ARRL Mobile and would add only that this might be a
> little different as it is bicycle mobile and I don't recall anyone having
> ever done that. But, only been ham for thirty years and it may be
> something
> others have done.
> Either way, what do you have to offer us?
> Donn, KA0SOH
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2739. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-07 07:09:41 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2724 Message: 2739

I think generating a suitable certificate would be the easiest part of the process. Administering the award would be more time consuming and hold more pitfalls.

Neither the ARRL or eQSL offer a DXCC with a mobile, much less bicycle-mobile endorsement. Probably the largest reason for not doing this is the difficulty in documenting this with conventional QSL methods. First of all, the station on the other end only has your word that you are mobile, even if they note it on their QSL, they can't swear to it. Pretty much the same as for QRP QSOs, it's all the operators word.

Being a gentlemanly group, though, this shouldn't prevent offering some award, it would just be purely on the honor system.

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2740. Antenna question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-07 14:52:57 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2740 Message: 2740

I was looking at a antenna to possibly use on my mountain bike and I was wondering if anyone may have tried it.

Right now... I have a UHF antenna mount on my bike (I know... most people seem to go with an NMO mount). I usually use either a dual-band (2m/70cm) antenna or a tri-band (6m/2m/70cm) antenna on it.

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Mike - N1EVH

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2741. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-07 17:16:34 UTC
From: wc4xned
Topic: 2724 Message: 2741

Al,

I could not have summarized my thoughts on this subject any better than what you have done!!

The path you suggest is very logical and could lead to a very special award goal that would be savored and recognized for its uniqueness among bicycle mobile advocates. I think a few special "rules" would need to be a part of it to insure that all contacts were made while using only an antenna actually connected to the bicycle frame.

I am very impressed and encouraged by those who are above or approaching the DXCC while bicycle mobile milestone. I think I have something like 33 countries confirmed and they were all with 2 watts.

I look forward to the BMHA forum this year at Dayton and hope my talk as well as comments and experiences from others will raise the awareness of HF bicycle mobile operation.

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2742. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-07 20:17:51 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2724 Message: 2742

I suggest looking at how QRPARCI handles their awards for WAS, DXCC, etc.
http://www.qrparci.org/content/blogsection/4/116/

In particular, read rule #2 (click on the "More" link on the above page):
"Confirmations, in the form of QSL cards or other electronic logbook data, such as EQSL or LOTW, are not required for all Awards offered by QRPARCI."

"With your application please include a listing of claimed stations complete with log data and a GCR Form signed by 2 amateurs attesting that they have examined your logs and verify your qualifications for the Award. Your list should conform to the individual format of each Award as listed."

This is very similar to what Al suggests; QRPARCI has a track record implementing it.

73 de KS1G Steve

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2744. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-08 02:24:17 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2724 Message: 2744

Just to gauge interest all those who plan to file for a DXCC or WAS certificate here in the next year or two, please weigh in by putting your callsign after the award you think you will complete and want a BMHA certificate for

DXCC -

WAS - K6BBQ

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2745. RE: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-08 04:21:27 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2724 Message: 2745

w9xs WAS, DX-L, or maybe even DX-LXXV (How the hell did the Romans build those viaducts with that numbering system?)
Hey, how about FD? How'd we score that? Have no idea - probably multiplier for 5W (x5) cw mult (x2), as already in the FD scoring; mult for contacts in motion (x2) as opposed to stationary (1x), a little something to acknowledge miles covered (x points per mile) and, of course, don't forget a 100 point bonus for butt blisters (max of 3)
I think the honor system and a submitted log is pretty reasonable. If we have to wait for QSLs to show up via buro we might all be in walkers (would you need a counterpoise if you put a ham stick on a walker?)
That's my story and I'm sticking to it.
Ron w9xs

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: marinqrp@...
Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2012 02:24:17 +0000
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC- Has anyone completed this?

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2752. Re:question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-09 20:38:29 UTC
From: Timothy Stabler
Topic: 2752 Message: 2752

Did I hear correctly that there is a bicycle outing from Seattle to Portland that one can do in one day or two? Are there hams in this group? I was told about 10,000 people get in on it.

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Any groups want to send me something for the QRP Quarterly Clubhouse column? If so, please also send pictures with captions.

Hope to see everybody at Dayton.

Tim
WB9NLZ

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2753. Re: [BMHA] Re:question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-09 23:36:21 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 2752 Message: 2753

The Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic (STP) put on by the Cascade Bicycle Club. Every year on the second weekend in July. I've done it in two day three times. It's a great ride. I'm going to do it in one day either this year or next just to say I did.

http://shop.cascade.org/content/events/stp

73 de AC7EW
Kelly

On 2/9/2012 1:38 PM, Timothy Stabler wrote:
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2754. [BMHA] Re:question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-10 01:37:08 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2752 Message: 2754

Two years ago my wife rode and I was SAG for our team (Bad Ass Coffee Cycling/Salt Lake City). Most of our team did the two day option while a couple of the hard core riders did it in one day. Registration for STP usually fills up within a day or two once it opens, and if you are not a member of Cascade then you have to wait until the general registration starts about a month after the club registration.

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2757. RE: [BMHA] Antenna question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-10 22:30:34 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2740 Message: 2757

Simply if it works, it works. The term counterpoise is often misused. A true counterpoise has a capacity reaction with the true ground (Dirt on real ground) to improve the effectiveness of the antenna. This is simply not possible on a bike. Please reference one of the best discussions of this http://www.antennex.com/shack/Dec06/cps.html. So now we come down to the fact that many of the bikes that most of us are willing to afford are some form of metal which becomes your pseudo ground plane and admittedly a very small and directed one. Dragging a wire behind you can improve the efficiency as you would now have the antenna centered between 2 ground plane radials but I already get enough questions about the antenna on my bike let alone helpful people trying to inform me about a problem with my bike because there is a wire dragging on the ground behind me. I too seem to do well enough with a FT817 and a hamstick mounted on the rack. If it loads up it will work. Use to load up a bed spring with my TR4.

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From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of n1evh@...
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 8:53 AM
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2760. Rem & Jason: Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC/WAS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-11 02:40:51 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2759 Message: 2760

I was surprised to read this. I know Donn had included my message (in a string of several posts discussing this design) to the group when I had declined on designing a certificate. Over last year I have learned how to make videos but that doesn't mean I know graphic design. I do not have graphic software nor experience. Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Quark Express are not simple things to learn but take many months just to use at entry level from what I understand having attended a few MacWorlds in the past.

So I am not sure if you asking what product I have is wondering what photos I may have that could be used for one of these DXCC or WAS awards. I am amazed that there are people who have worked DXCC. I would have thought WAS is a much more obtainable goal but that is coming from a ham on the West Coast where DX contacts are made more often.

If you want me to look through my photos at photos of my recumbent tricycle, I will be glad to. I know not many have recumbent trikes, I am not sure if anyone else reading this does.

So let me know if you want me to look for trike photos.

Rem

2761. RE: [BMHA] Rem & Jason: Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC/WAS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-11 02:59:35 UTC
From: Skip La Fetra AA6WK
Topic: 2759 Message: 2761

Dan & the rest of the group:

> As far as I know, there are precious few members of BMHA left from the days when Hartley was our fearless leader

Probably true -- but this is also a sign of continued interest. Hartley was such a powerful and persuasive force (I still recall his gentle-but-forceful arm-twisting that had me helping with the newsletter for many years).

I've been following the DXCC/Bicycle award discussion with interest -- I am far from qualifying and am simply amazed that people have come close -- not to mention exceeded -- DXCC on a bicycle.

I agree with both featuring the BMHA logo on the award and naming it after Hartley. Both are excellent ideas.

With Dayton coming up as a place to possibly introduce and/or publicize the award, I'm thinking that we should have a page on the BMHA website for it.

(Since I manage the webserver, I know that this is possible to do . . .) As the team considers the design and rules of the award itself, let's also think about how we might want to highlight it on both the website itself as well as a page devoted to the award.

Great work so far -- I'm impressed.

- Skip AA6WK

Webmaster@...

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2765. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC/WAS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-11 03:38:46 UTC
From: Skip La Fetra AA6WK
Topic: 2759 Message: 2765

> We surely must be talking about the same Hartley!

Undoubtedly!

> One thing I'd like to see is the WAS included into the certificates. Easy enough to do, I suppose. And, it expands the table for us, includes more opportunities for others, etc.

Given the low-power and limited-antenna nature of Bicycle Mobile,

we should definitely offer WAS as well as DXCC.

Are there other regional awards (what is done for 160, for example?).

Anything relating to all-states-in-a-given-call-area?

Other ideas?

- Skip AA6WK

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2766. Re: [BMHA] Antenna question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-11 04:22:44 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2740 Message: 2766

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Not to mention the guy drafting behind you running over it.... ;)

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2767. Re: Antenna question...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-11 05:04:04 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2740 Message: 2767

I got tired quickly of being stopped multiple times by the people with good intentions telling me of the dragging wire.

I finally scraped off some paint on the inside of my bottom dropout (where the rear wheel fits into the frame) where a bolt goes to hold my rear rack and then connected a ring terminal to it and the nut was tightened back in place. The ring terminal was crimped onto a piece of tinned ground braid. The other end of the ground braid (also crimped into a ring terminal) is screwed onto the side of my FT-857D using one of the mobile mount holes. The paint here was also scraped off just a bit. Ever since then I have enough of a ground where I don't need the dragging wire!

Rem
K6BBQ
BBQ Ham Radio delivered to your shack

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Al Gritzmacher <al@...> wrote:
>
> On 2/10/2012 5:30 PM, S. Earl Jarosh wrote:
> >
> > Dragging a wire behind you can improve the
> > efficiency as you would now have the antenna centered between 2 ground
> > plane
> > radials but I already get enough questions about the antenna on my
> > bike let
> > alone helpful people trying to inform me about a problem with my bike
> > because there is a wire dragging on the ground behind me.
> >
> Not to mention the guy drafting behind you running over it.... ;)
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2770. A New BMHA GAME!!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-16 06:15:52 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2770 Message: 2770

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SO WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK???

If it's great say YAY and if it is lame, take a stab at creating a different BMHA game.

2771. Re: A New BMHA GAME!!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-16 14:12:47 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2770 Message: 2771

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73 de Scott/n7net

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2772. Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-16 16:01:19 UTC
From: John Kats
Topic: 2772 Message: 2772

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-----Original Message-----
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012 9:12:55 am
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: [BMHA] Re: A New BMHA GAME!!!

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2773. Re: Dayton Hamvention 2012 BMHA Forum Program

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-16 18:32:22 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2726 Message: 2773

Keith,

Your display sounds interesting and we would be more than happy to have you display in our forum room on Sunday if you can. We have a large room and love to have bicycles with their equipment on display. Our forum should start about 9:15 but the room is open earlier for display. Arnie, KA0NCR will have more details on the ride, which is on Saturday and we would welcome you for the ride also.

Hope to see you at Dayton this year.

73-Mike, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "ka9rsl" <kamiller@...> wrote:
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike" <nf0n@> wrote:
> >
> > We have a speaker for our 2012 Hamvention Forum. Ned, WC4X will be presenting "HF Bicycle Mobile---DX" at our forum. Ned is a long time BMHA member and speaker and would like to share his experiences over the years of bicycling and DX'ing.
> >
> > Other program activities are forming along with plans for the Dayton BMHA bicycle ride.
> >
> > Mike, NF0N
> > BMHA Forum Moderator
> >
> Sounds interesting. One of my bikes, with 2 meters, APRS and a BOB trailer with an Icom 703+ with buddistick antenna may be on display in the flea market for a local company who specializes in solar energy. Expect to have at least 2 bikes there. One for the ride and the display one. One of them will have the APRS and 2 meter setup that I use as a bike mobile SAG at the Hilly Hundred. I'm sure most of you know that the Hilly Hundred was started by Hartley Alley.
>
> Also, I will probably be arriving in Dayton by noon or earlier on thursday and could go along to check out the trail for the ride if you would like the company for that.
>
> Keith, KA9RSL
>

2774. Re: [BMHA] Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-16 19:37:54 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2772 Message: 2774

----- Original Message -----
From: "John Kats"

>I would like to know whats the best way to mount a antana on a two wheel
>mountian bike?.

Answer: Securely

More seiously .. we need to know what antenna you are mounting and where on
the bike you plan to put it.

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

2775. Re: [BMHA] Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-16 23:15:32 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2772 Message: 2775

On 2/16/2012 11:01, John Kats wrote:
> I would like to know whats the best way to mount a antana on a two wheel
> mountian bike?.

I would suggest a clamp on rack attached to your seat post with the
antenna mounted to the back of it. You will not stick it in your eye
etc, it is not by your head and if you do not use the rubber shims it
will be grounded to your frame.
See the picture of my track bike in the Spring 2009 Newsletter or the
article in the or the article in the Spring 2008 issue describing both
the Track and road bike installation.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 123,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
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http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-5,n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2776. Re: [BMHA] Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-16 23:48:41 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2772 Message: 2776

On my Trek 3700 mountain bike... I put a rack on the back of the bike.

I then bought two 36"x1"x1/8" pieces of aluminum at Home Depot. I cut each one in half... giving me 4 pieces that are 18" long. I then held one of the pieces to the rack... marked it and drilled holes to mount the aluminum to the rack. Then I clamped all 4 pieces together and drilled all 4 pieces the same (I did this as a single 1/8" thick piece was to flexible... four 1/8" thick pieces stiffened it up.

For the antenna... I mounted a right-angle piece of aluminum and put a 2" SO-239 feedthru barrel. This allows me to use antennas with a UHF mount (although lots of people prefer using an NMO mount).

I can take some pictures to e-mail you direct if you would like to see what I did.

Mike - N1EVH

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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2777. Re: [BMHA] Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-16 23:52:10 UTC
From: Tom Huber
Topic: 2772 Message: 2777

What I did years ago is wire tied a 3/8" copper tube to the rear frame facing back away from the saddle.
Then took a bike flag and tapped a 5/8" wave twinlead antenna then put heat shrink over the entire thing except for a short length of coax at bottom and left enough of the bottom open to slide it in the copper tube like a rifle sheath so I could take it on and off real easy. Put the radio and batteries in a zipper bag on luggage bar on the back of bike. Used it on many a MS bike ride to both stay in touch and provide support for assistance when required.

73 Tom WD0BFO

On Thu, Feb 16, 2012 at 10:01 AM, John Kats <specradio@...> wrote:

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2778. Re: Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-17 04:13:25 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2772 Message: 2778

Oh, this oughta be rich. Ask any 3 hams "What's the Best Antenna?" and you're lucky if you only get 35 conflicting answers. Biking hams are even worser.
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Mounting in the rear keeps the whip from popping you in the face, while rear mounting complicates throwing your leg that direction when mounting the bike. Me, I mount my J poles on the rear and have taught myself how to lean the bike over sideways so I can mount it without kicking the antenna or support tube.

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2780. RE: Antenna mounting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-17 14:39:32 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 2780 Message: 2780

I have a rack on the back where I used a very simple mirror mount with 3/8 24 thread. Around town I use a couple different antenna. I have a 1/4 wave dual band that stays nicely out of the way. When commuting I put up an 80 inch colinear Hustler, 2 meter, as self defense from the city bus. Before using the 80 inch one the bus would come within inches of my head with their mirrors. Now when they come up behind me I start swinging the antenna and they change lanes. I have not commuted since Nevada passed a new traffic law requiring all vehicles passing bicycles to be at least 3 feet from them.

Currently not running HF however my HF Hustler antenna will fit the same mount.
73
Jim
W1RO/7

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2781. Re: Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-17 15:35:02 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2772 Message: 2781

Only 35? :) I second W5AOX's comments and will add my own. My overgeneralized rules of thumb: bigger is better, higher is better, rugged is a necessity. And bikes provide poor ground planes, so avoid antennas that need one to work well (5/8-wave). My best results have been with flagpole-mounted antennas (j-pole, coaxial-dipole, slimjim), end-fed half-wave (the Larsen).

Flagpole antennas can mount to almost any bike at the rear q-r skewer (but get a heavy-duty one and check tightness regularly). You'll need zip ties or velcro straps or tape to keep the feedline away from your wheels and drivetrain. They sway alot when pedaling hard (climbing), which may annoy riding partners, strike overhanging low tree branches, and may make you more visible to drivers. They are relatively cheap (even if bought ready-made) and are good home-brew projects.

The Larsen HW with an NMO mount has been my best overall; there are knock-off versions from Lakeview and a few other firms, I think. Costs a bit more, but you get a very rugged and reasonably light system. I bolted an aluminum plate extending off the back of the rear rack on one bike; the NMO mount screws into a large hole in the plate. I could have drilled the rack itself (but would loose ability to mount a trunk bag). On a full suspension MTB, you could use a seatpost rack, or fashion a stinger from aluminum sheet. On my road bike, I bolted a plate with an NMO mount to a water bottle cage, then mounted the cage to a behind-the-seat bottle clamp.

I also tried a simple 1/4-wave whip. I did tests on a repeater and ran APRS for several weeks on my commute and looked at how many packets were collected by the local network gateways to compare the 1/4-wave, 1/2-wave, and flagpole antennas. Flagpole worked best, 1/2-wave was about the same, 1/4-wave worked but was noticably poorer. 5/8-wave was about same, sometimes worse than the 1/4-wave and not worth the size & weight.

My photo album http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/list shows older setups (I need to update with the Larsen & NMO rack mounts). The HF station has a mirror mount clamped to the rack for 3/8x24 HF antennas (or VHF, of course). For mechanical strength, I prefer a solid rear rack and a 3/8x24 or NMO mount.

73, de Steve KS1G

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "AOX" <w5aox@...> wrote:
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2782. Re: Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-17 18:35:25 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2772 Message: 2782

I've never weighed any of my stuff, bikes included. If I can hold it up long enough to get rolling I'm happy.
When I first got the recumbent I was amazed at how much faster I could go. I was actually able to overtake and pass a couple of old ladies and younger guys with flat tires. THEN I transferred the luggage racks, backpacks, panniers, antennas, radios, GPS, etc,..... and the 'bent was no longer noticeably faster than the old road bike. But still much more comfortable..... Huff, Puff..... I like my junk.
I now have a trailer upon which to mount more antennas, solar panels, and such. Ca n hardly wait to see how fast I can pull that.
Never done a century yet, nor an overnighter..... yet.
I HAVE been a regular year round commuter - over 3500 miles per year average, but only 15 to 30 per day thus far.
Since I was recently downsized and now jobless and at the magic age of 65, centuries and overnighters and cross country trips... still dreamin'.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, tipledan@... wrote:
>
> Nice looking set-up. What is your total weight for the bike and all
> equipment? I'm also thinking you're set up to do centuries in the back woods
> now and multiple nights on trail? Is that right? Donn, KA0SOH
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2783. RE: [BMHA] Re: Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-17 19:02:03 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2772 Message: 2783

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Note: if you have a carbon fiber bike, 1/2 wave anything is your only choice.

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2784. RE: [BMHA] Re: Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-17 19:32:36 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2772 Message: 2784

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2785. Re: Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-17 19:54:36 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2772 Message: 2785

You realize, of course, carbon fiber is conductive? Especially in an RF sense?
When I worked in satellite antenna design at Los Alamos, I ran tests on carbon fiber rods as antenna elements. It is of course not as conductive as most metal frames used on bikes, but it would make a usable grounding system.
Realizing, of course, that if I paid thousands of dollars for a carbon fiber bike, I would be as loathe to grind or drill into the frame as anyone else......
AOX

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2786. RE: [BMHA] Re: Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-17 20:33:29 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2772 Message: 2786

LOL, did not want to go down that path but, yes I did. I just did not want to start suggesting people grind or drill to complete that ground. I thought that might create a bigger stir but now we have conflicting answer 38.

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Sent: Friday, February 17, 2012 1:55 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Antana mounting info?.

You realize, of course, carbon fiber is conductive? Especially in an RF sense?
When I worked in satellite antenna design at Los Alamos, I ran tests on carbon fiber rods as antenna elements. It is of course not as conductive as most metal frames used on bikes, but it would make a usable grounding system.
Realizing, of course, that if I paid thousands of dollars for a carbon fiber bike, I would be as loathe to grind or drill into the frame as anyone else......
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2789. Re: [BMHA] A New BMHA GAME!!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-18 07:31:00 UTC
From: Rem .
Topic: 2770 Message: 2789

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A possible slogan on the card -

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and Radio Active!

or maybe not? I landed on my head too many times and that last time when I cracked my helmet brought my weirdness to a permanent plane.

Rem
K6BBQ
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On Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 10:54 PM, <tipledan@...> wrote:

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2790. Re: A New BMHA GAME!!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-18 07:57:50 UTC
From: jason.vlasak
Topic: 2770 Message: 2790

Don't worry, things aren't completely dead--I'm working on two possible certificate designs, just taking some time (plus out of town half the time these last two weeks)

Something will be popping out of the mill soon...

73 de Jason
HL4ZFA

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2791. Bike Mobile WAS/DXCC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-20 17:16:37 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2791 Message: 2791

Okay, to keep the ball rolling, I've created two very basic simple certificates as a starting point for something to use with these awards. I've uploaded them in PDF form to the Yahoo Group files area in a folder called CERTIFICATE PROPOSALS. They are just that, only proposals of what my vision of them would start out at. Please feel free to use them as a jumping off point for more elaborate designs.

I know someone commented about the topic going quiet. If the group wants to sponsor such awards, it's a long-haul thing. No need to rush into it. A pause in activity may be a good thing to get some perspective.

With Dayton coming up, I'd think that would be a good time for a group to get together and further pursue this idea.

BTW, I know that several people from the early days who knew Hartley are still around. I wrote a few articles in the early newsletters and remember several conversations with Hartley on the phone discussing them. He'd never hesitate to pick up the phone and suggest an article if he thought you were an 'expert' on some aspect of bike mobile Ham radio. That's the kind of enthusiasm and persuasion the Hartley used to get this group off the ground.

Al AE2T

2792. Re: Bike Mobile WAS/DXCC

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-02-20 21:26:49 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2791 Message: 2792

Al,

Thank you for taking the time to create these conversation starters. I think they are a great step. I think those of you that meet in Dayton might be able to collaborate and come up with additional details. Since the BMHA logo has been with the group so long, I am guessing from the beginning, that might want to be kept as it is unique rather than a bicycle wheel which is generic to all of bicycling. Perhaps for the WAS either a map of the US in four corners or ... and for the DXCC globes of the Earth on it.

Thanks for your time on these,'

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2795. Latest K6BBQ video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-02 05:01:49 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2795 Message: 2795

Hi guys,
My latest video is online. For both my home and portable operating that day I used the horizontal Buddipole configuration on a 16' mast. My radio was the Yaesu FT-817ND.

You can watch it here -
http://youtu.be/xFKETtrC_JE

If you like the video please share it with your ham friends and clubs.

73
Rem
K6BBQ

2796. Bicycle Mobile DXCC Done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-04 02:19:25 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2796 Message: 2796

I finally worked #100 today from my bike! Having had an unusually mild winter here in Southeastern PA. has allowed me to get out on the bike quite often in the past few weeks and months and with the ARRL SSB contest going on today, there was lots of good DX on and I was able to work my last 5 for an unofficial Bicycle Mobile DXCC...now if I can only chase down all the QSL cards!

2797. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile DXCC Done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-04 02:29:23 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2796 Message: 2797

What a milestone happy DX!

JEFF KE7OUR
On Mar 3, 2012 6:19 PM, "Pilotti" <kf3cd@...> wrote:

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2798. RE: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile DXCC Done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-04 14:09:22 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2796 Message: 2798

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Ron
W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: kf3cd@...
Date: Sun, 4 Mar 2012 02:19:25 +0000
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2799. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC Done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-04 16:11:10 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2796 Message: 2799

My bicycle mobile setup is surprisingly simple. I started out with a single band, 20 meter MFJ Travel Radio, 20 watts with a hamstick and rechargable battery pack, the ones they sell to jump start your car. That battery was a bit large and heavy so I switched to a smaller battery, the kind used in the alarm system where I work, for battery back up in the security and fire systems. I think it's a 7 or 8 Ah battery. If you know someone at a security co, most would be happy to give away these used batteries because they replace them at regular intervals so the ones they remove are usually as good as new. I worked a bunch of DX with the little 20 watt rig but with power that low, it was a struggle to work anyone that had less than a 57 signal so I took my Yaesu FT-100 out of the car and bought a mount for the handlebars so the control head is remotely mounted in front of me. I have an MFJ speaker mounted on the angled bar in front of me/between my legs and a mount that I bought on e-Bay, that securley holds my iPhone on the other side of the handlebars so that I can watch the DX cluster. The hamsticks get mounted on the back to a simple aluminum mount. I have no special ground and they work great! Often I can hear stations on a hamstick better than I hear them on my 135 foot long OCF dipole at home! For me, the best part about operating bicycle mobile is that almost everyone says that they never worked a Bicycle Mobile before and they are amazed! I do have a few photos on QRZ.com but they are from last summer and I have changed things a bit since then, I'll try to take some new photos soon and post them.

73 de Mike, KF3CD

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2800. Re: Antana mounting info?.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-04 16:12:41 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2772 Message: 2800

Drop me a line at kf3cd@... and I'll send you a photo of my simple mount, it works great!

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> From: "n7net" <n7net@...>
> Subject: [BMHA] Re: A New BMHA GAME!!!
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2801. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC Done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-04 16:15:36 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2796 Message: 2801

I forgot to mention, the power on the FT-100 is variable so I usually operate at 35 or 40 watts, never more than 50 and I can generally work everyone that I can hear.

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-05 02:37:23 UTC
From: jason.vlasak
Topic: 2796 Message: 2803

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Date: 2012-03-05 02:55:15 UTC
From: Rem .
Topic: 2796 Message: 2805

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-05 13:43:48 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2796 Message: 2807

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As I've said before, it's easy to make a piece of paper that says it's an award. Making an award that is worth more than the paper it is printed on is harder. The real meaning and value of such an award is the status it holds because it is given by the organization that maintains it and regulates it. I wouldn't want to see Hartley's name on it, unless it had the full support of the BMHA as a whole.

Probably the closest thing we have to a meeting is Dayton and that's probably the only opportunity we'll have to hash this out. I'd say that anyone who has ideas for these two awards should make them known before Dayton and hopefully someone will take the bull by the horns and run with it then. By ideas, I mean both certificate designs and award criteria. Both need to be resolved before such an award can be announced. Someone also has to step forward to administer the awards. Without that person, the whole discussion is moot as well.

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Al AE2T

On 3/5/2012 3:38 AM, tipledan@... wrote:
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> Yep, these are great ideas in the graphics and I agree with you on both
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Date: 2012-03-06 13:32:41 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2796 Message: 2809

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In the Files section... I found a folder called "Certificate Proposals" with the two .PDF files that were listed in the other links.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: tipledan@...
Date: 3/6/2012 1:20:32 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-08 19:25:06 UTC
From: wc4xned
Topic: 2796 Message: 2811

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-09 05:21:39 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2812 Message: 2812

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-09 14:14:15 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2812 Message: 2814

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Just a thought.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

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Date: 03/09/12 05:15:50
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2815. New Bike Rules

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-09 17:04:56 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 2815 Message: 2815

FYI, in Nevada they just passed a new law and it is now in effect. When passing a bicycle on the road you must give the bike 3 feet of clearance. Although the law is known to those of us on bikes it appears that not all motor vehicle drivers have not heard ot it. So just because we have it as law remember to ride defensively.
73
Jim
W1RO/7
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2816. Re: New Bike Rules

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-10 03:14:07 UTC
From: wc4xned
Topic: 2815 Message: 2816

We have the same law in Georgia---but it does not seem to change motorist behaviour significantly. AGREE---Always ride defensively!!

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Jim Bassett <W1RO@...> wrote:
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2817. Re: [BMHA] New Bike Rules

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-10 04:49:59 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 2815 Message: 2817

Arizona has had that law on the books for quite a while. Most drivers are surprised to hear about it. The driver's manual and test for a license don't mention any of the traffic laws relating to bicycles. The laws don't do any good if nobody knows about them.

73 de AC7EW
Kelly

On 3/9/2012 10:04 AM, Jim Bassett wrote:
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2820. new antenna on my mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-17 21:21:21 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2820 Message: 2820

Well I ordered and got my Opek HVU-100 antenna in the mail. I borrowed a friend's MFJ-269 antenna analyzer to assist in tuning the HF coils for the antenna.

On my mountain bike... the 6m, 2m, and 70cm SWR is "ok"... but I got a better SWR with my Diamond CR627B tri-band antenna.

Took awlile playing around with the HF coils. Opek gives you two "short" stingers/whips (about 3 inches long) to use with the 10m, 15m, and 20m coils and then like a 15.75 inch stinger/whip for the 40m coil.

20m was a pain... I couldn't get a good SWR at all. According to the MFJ-269... I needed a longer stinger/whip. I measured the diameter of the stinger/whip... and it was about the size of 16 guage wire. I had some 16 gauge stranded wire... but when I tinned it with solder (to make it stiffer)... it wouldn't fit in the coil. So I stripped and tinned some 18 gauge stranded wire. I made it about 5 inches long. As I checked the SWR with the MFJ-269 and trimmed the piece of wire... it appears that I need a stinger/whip of about 4 inches to get a good SWR in the 20m band (now I need to find something even stiffer than the tinned 18 gauge stranded wire to replace this with).

Time to hook up my Yaesu FT-817 to the antenna.

Met up with a friend (also a ham) for lunch today. After lunch... I was showing him the setup and tuned around on 20m a bit. There was some kind of contest going on. Well... there were a few state QSO Party's and a contest where after listening for awhile... the exchange (on SSB) was RS and QSO number. I heard SN2B in Poland coming in pretty good. My friend told me to try and work him. So after he called "CQ Contest"... I threw out my callsign and he got me on the first try.

So... I'm on my way to DXCC with this antenna on my mountain bike :-)

Mike - N1EVH

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2821. Re: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-18 00:13:01 UTC
From: harryseyfert1477
Topic: 2820 Message: 2821

Hello Mike,

Most Opek mobile antennas use 0.1" stainless steel rod for their whips / stingers. You can get replacements up to 54". That should get you lots of material. They also have 102", but it may be tapered. I would be most interested to learn if you have success. MFJ has a similar multi-band mobile. Blaine's Farm and Fleet carries 0.1" electric fence wire. I used some while determining the correct whip length for a 40m mobile that was cut way too short.

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

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From: n1evh@...
To: bmha@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 4:21:21 PM
Subject: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

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2822. Re: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-18 00:42:36 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2820 Message: 2822

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I was looking around online and I found some 17-7 PH Stainless Steel rods (I think a lot of mobile antenna manufacturers use this stuff) that was .044 inches diameter and 60 inches long. So I ordered some of this. I'll make some stingers/whips out of this for the HF coils on this antenna.

The antenna is designed to have 2 HF coils on it. The antenna is OK if I put the 10m and 15m coils on it.... but for some reason when I had the 20m coil on it and put either the 10m or 15m coil on it... my 20m SWR went sky high. So I'll probably make 2 stingers/whips for the 20m coil... one when using the 20m coil by itself and one for when using the 20m coil with another HF coil.

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From: harryseyfert1477
Date: 3/17/2012 8:13:04 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

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2823. Re: new antenna on my mountain bike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-18 15:23:42 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 2823 Message: 2823

In regards to you mixing 20 meter coil with either the 10 or 15 meter and the SWR going high. I found the same problem, on my car, with my Hustler when putting up multiple coils on the 60 inch mast. High SWR appeared when I put up coils with multiples of 7 MHZ together, i.e. 40, 20, 15, 10 meters. When I put up a 40 meter, a 17 meter and a 12 meter the problem did not occur. I do most of my mobile work on 17 and 12 meters and hope to get a small radio so I can do those on my bicycle.

Thanks for letting us know how you made out. It will give me a head start when I step up to HF Bike Mobile from UHF/VHF Bike Mobile
73
Jim
W1RO/7

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2824. Re: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-19 02:44:29 UTC
From: harryseyfert1477
Topic: 2820 Message: 2824

Thanks for setting me straight on the whip diameters! I should have stated: the Opeks I have used. I am glad to read you have a micrometer! Cuts down on your searching and guessing!

Were you planning on operating while in motion, or parked and extending some radials / counterpoise? Bicycles don't offer much counterpoise.

You've learned a great truth --- the lower the frequency, the narrower the usable bandwidth!

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To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 7:42:36 PM
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2825. Re: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-19 12:05:58 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2820 Message: 2825

Well... "most" of my operating will probably be when I'm stopped someplace, but yesterday (Sunday)... I did work a few stations that were taking part in the North Dakota QSO Party while in motion (both of them were in North Dakota). So now I'm on my way to WAS on a bike too :-)

Since my little FT-817 is only 5w... I'm thinking about sending my radio off to
W4RT Electronics and have them install their DSP filter, dual-filter board (the
FT-817 only has 1 spot for a SSB or CW filter... their board will allow both the
SSB and CW filter to be installed)r, and speech compressor into the stock mic. This little radio with compromise antenna needs all the help it can get to be heard on SSB.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: harryseyfert1477
Date: 03/18/12 22:44:34
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

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2826. VA QSO Party Bike Mobile report

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-19 12:48:59 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2826 Message: 2826

Had a great time - 122 QSOs, 10 states, 2 countries (US & Canada). Activated 5 counties/cities. Weather was fantastic Saturday and OK-to-great Sunday (foggy and cool/overcast until mid-afternnon). An HFPacker amplifier made a big difference in my QSO rate, although calling CQ was still a 100% waste of time and watt-hours.

The station is an evolution from my 2010 setup. Antenna is a 22" Hustler base rod, MP-1 coil, MFJ telescoping whip (extended when stationary). The big whip and longer base rod make tuning easier (broader SWR dips) vs. the stock short MP1 base rod and whip. I have to shorten the amount of rod extended above 17M.

I did not use a counterpoise or temporary radials this year. I noticed that my bike frame was "hot" - I could feel stray RF when my finger touched bare metal (stem bolts at steerer tube) while transmitting. So there's probably room for further improvements. Did not notice changes in SWR, however, from standing near/away from the bike.

Power was provided by a 2.5 AH LiFePO4 pack (Batteryspace "A123" type) for the FT817 and a Batteryspace "water-bottle" LiFePO4 pack for the amplifier. Both had plenty of capacity for 6-7 hrs of operating each day of the contest.

I added photos from the weekend to my album:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/list

73 de Steve KS1G (/M).

2827. Re: VA QSO Party Bike Mobile report

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-19 14:52:37 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2826 Message: 2827

Steve,

I'm encouraged by your success with this QSO Party. It proves that working smart is a s great substitute for power. Press on.

72 de Scott/n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "BrassRat77" <ks1g04@...> wrote:
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2828. Re: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-20 17:30:55 UTC
From: harryseyfert1477
Topic: 2820 Message: 2828

As has been said by many, this little radio becomes addictive!

I am working out the details for using mine in the mobile (but not permanent).
Harry, WD9FYF

----- Original Message -----
From: n1evh@...
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 7:05:58 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] new antenna on my mountain bike...

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2829. bicycle mobile HF contesting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-29 22:34:11 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2829 Message: 2829

Hello,

Last September was the Washington State Salmon Run (a.k.a. Washington state QSO Party). I went tricycle mobile and stayed at five watts for all of my CW and SSB QSOs. I have made a video of my Salmon Run QSOs that you can see here-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1molUU62uc&feature=colike

73

Rem
K6BBQ

2830. Re: [BMHA] bicycle mobile HF contesting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 00:21:41 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2829 Message: 2830

I love good job what did you use to create the video with added station pictures? 73 Johnny kd5lwu

Sent from my iPad 2 - Skype me at kd5lwuipad@beyondbb.com or FaceTime apple video kd5lwu@...

On Mar 29, 2012, at 4:34 PM, "bbqhamtrike" <marinqrp@...> wrote:

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2831. Re: bicycle mobile HF contesting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 02:27:07 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2829 Message: 2831

Great job Rem. You've found your stride.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2832. Re: bicycle mobile HF contesting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 18:56:54 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2829 Message: 2832

Thanks for the compliments guys.

For my videos I use iMovie from Apple.
This movie editing/making software also allows photos and music to be added. It also can separate the audio from the video part of a clip so if you only want to use the video or audio, the other part can be deleted and another bit of audio can be added to that image or vice versa.

I am glad to know that so many of you are enjoying these videos.

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2833. Re: [BMHA] Re: bicycle mobile HF contesting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 19:41:22 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2829 Message: 2833

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2834. iPAD mount?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 19:43:25 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2834 Message: 2834

Which brings up the question has anyone figured out how to do a handlebar mount for the ipad? Johnny kd5lwu

2835. Re: bicycle mobile HF contesting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 21:14:04 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2829 Message: 2835

I have to wonder if the iMovie software on the iPad2 is the same iMovie 11 program that are on the Macs with hard drives. If I am correct, I understand that the iPads use Flash memory and there isn't a hard drive. Editing video takes up a lot of RAM as well as hard drive space so maybe the iPad iMovie program can be run if you have an external hard drive? Regardless, good luck on that.

I hope you can go out and do the ham bike/trike thing. It is a lot of fun. This group is a good resource but I also suggest you join the HFpack Yahoo group if you aren't a member already. There are lots of portable -pedestrian, bike, kayak mobile operators there and besides picking their brains, there are helpful files to download in their Files section of the group.

Please keep us updated on your progress to go bike mobile.

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Rem

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2836. Re: [BMHA] Re: bicycle mobile HF contesting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 21:59:48 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2829 Message: 2836

Thanks appreciate the info I have a Ran's Rocket and am looking to trade for a Mac laptop someday soon hopefully. I have lots of pc laptops but with my iPAD I have fallen in love with iOS. I have been a member of both groups you mentioned for 5-6 years now. 73 Johnny kd5lwu

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2837. Re: [BMHA] iPAD mount?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 22:44:21 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2834 Message: 2837

Here's one option

http://www.ram-mount.com/CatalogResults/PartDetails/tabid/63/partid/0820650770450660450490520570900450840650660510 85/Default.aspx

>>> Johnny Shepherd<fieldservice@...> 3/30/2012 1:43 PM >>>

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2838. Re: bicycle mobile HF contesting

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-30 22:44:51 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2829 Message: 2838

I hope you can make it happen and do the trade. I've seen some decent prices for MacBooks that are only a few years old. When I bought this two years ago it had 4GB total of RAM. Once I upgraded up to OS X Lion, my iMovie video editing started sputtering because OS Lion takes up so much RAM that iMovie didn't have enough. I bought two 4GB cards which gave me a total of 8GB RAM. Problems solved. I can edit movies again without having those iMovie problems.

Please keep us updated on your progress and I will look forward to your videos when you start making them.

Rem

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Johnny Shepherd <fieldservice@...> wrote:
>
> Thanks appreciate the info I have a Ran's Rocket and am looking to trade for a Mac laptop someday soon hopefully. I have lots of pc laptops but with my iPAD I have fallen in love with iOS. I have been a member of both groups you mentioned for 5-6 years now. 73 Johnny kd5lwu
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> Sent from my iPad 2 - Skype me at kd5lwuipad@... or FaceTime apple video kd5lwu@...
>
> On Mar 30, 2012, at 3:14 PM, "bbqhamtrike" <marinqrp@...> wrote:
>
> > I have to wonder if the iMovie software on the iPad2 is the same iMovie 11 program that are on the Macs with hard drives. If I am correct, I understand that the iPads use Flash memory and there isn't a hard drive. Editing video takes up a lot of RAM as well as hard drive space so maybe the iPad iMovie program can be run if you have an external hard drive? Regardless, good luck on that.
> >
> > I hope you can go out and do the ham bike/trike thing. It is a lot of fun. This group is a good resource but I also suggest you join the HFpack Yahoo group if you aren't a member already. There are lots of portable -pedestrian, bike, kayak mobile operators there and besides picking their brains, there are helpful files to download in their Files section of the group.
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> > Please keep us updated on your progress to go bike mobile.
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> > --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Johnny Shepherd <fieldservice@> wrote:
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> > > Thanks I have imovies on my iPAD 2 guess I am going to have to put it to work! My health and strength is a little better than last summer so I think I will haul out my bent and diamond frame bikes and give it a try. 73 Johnny kd5lwu
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2839. Re: [BMHA] iPAD mount?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-03-31 00:04:54 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2834 Message: 2839

Perfect like stored the URL thank you so much 73 Johnny KD5 LWU

Sent from my iPad 2 - Skype me at kd5lwuipad@... or FaceTime apple video kd5lwu@...

On Mar 30, 2012, at 4:44 PM, "Mickey Applebaum" <ke7nza@slcoares.org> wrote:

> Here's one option
>
> http://www.ram-mount.com/CatalogResults/PartDetails/tabid/63/partid/08206507704506604504905205709004508406506605 1085/Default.aspx
>
> >>> Johnny Shepherd<fieldservice@...m> 3/30/2012 1:43 PM >>>
>
> Which brings up the question has anyone figured out how to do a handlebar mount for the ipad? Johnny kd5lwu
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> [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]
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2841. Re: Hey, urgent minor malstrom for BMHA!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-04-11 14:33:26 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2840 Message: 2841

The BMHA website has a separate (and older) membership than the Yahoo! group. Although the groups are related!

For the BMHA website database, send me the info on
http://bmha-hams.org/Info/Info-MembershipApplication.htm
and we will get you into the online database.

Instructions are on the webpage listed above.

- Skip AA6WK
Webmaster@...

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, tipledan@... wrote:
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> To all my BMHA pals....I looked at the BMHA website and for kicks did a
> member search for myself.
> I was sort of shocked to discover that I am not mentioned anywhere as a
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> or apparently as a member in any respect.
> Just don't see me anywhere.
> Whomever it is that keeps the records, PLEASE correct that little minor
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> I have no idea what MY number would be but IMHO we need numbers for each
> and every member.
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> member number as I was
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> that out to advise
> those that maintain the numbers of my early interest and activity with
> BMHA.
> Please advise.
> Donn, KA0SOH
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> In a message dated 3/9/2012 4:15:43 A.M. Central Standard Time,
> tipledan@... writes:
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> Ah, finnaaalllly.....I figured out how to get a view of the new awards and
> hasten to add my belated
> thanks to everyone. This is a terrific job we can all be proud of and
> make the effort to obtain.
> Thanks to all, Donn, KA0SOH

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> In a message dated 3/8/2012 11:21:46 P.M. Central Standard Time,
> _AA6WK@..._ (mailto:AA6WK@...) writes:
>
> I have added two quick pages to our webserver at
> __http://www.BMHA-Hams.org__ (http://www.bmha-hams.org_/)
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>
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2842. Re: Hey, urgent minor malstrom for BMHA!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-04-11 15:17:06 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2840 Message: 2842

Solid state rigs have made bicycle communitions possible.

When I was in the Air Force one of my jobs was to maintain an airborne doppler radar navigation system on the B-52. The system weighed about 900 pounds. For a 2010 Air Force reunion that occurred in the West Indies, a partipating C-54 arrived on the island using a system that fit in the copilot's shirt pocket.

In those days the recent bicycle awards were beyond our wildest dreams.

72 de Scott/n7net

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2844. K6BBQ tricycle mobile Saturday

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-04-21 05:22:18 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2844 Message: 2844

Hi

I will be tricycle mobile for the South Dakota and Michigan QSO parties Saturday. I plan to be moving around 15 and 20 meters but I will be checking off and on the HFpack frequency of 14.342.50 (plus or minus if occupied). If you see this before 15:00 GMT, send an email if you want a sked. My email is on QRZ.

73

Rem
K6BBQ
BBQ Ham Radio delivered to your radio!

2846. Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile Saturday

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-04-21 14:25:13 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2844 Message: 2846

I don't see any takers for a special sked, so I will be listening out for any of you at the top of each hour from 1700 till 21 or 2200 gtmt on or around 14.342.50.

have a fun radio day if you can get on air.

Rem
K6BBQ

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> Rem
> K6BBQ
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2847. BMHA Hamvention Forum time for new award discussion

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-04 19:30:32 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2847 Message: 2847

The Hamvention forum is quite busy this year but I would like to leave open some time for discussion on the new proposed WAS and DXCC BMHA awards. If anyone want's to be the moderator for this discussion, let me know before or during the forum so we can allocate time to the discussion or proposal.

Just a reminder, the BMHA forum is May 20 at 9:30 am in Room 5.

Mike, NF0N
Forum Moderator

2848. HEY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-09 00:38:19 UTC
From: KEN BURNUM
Topic: 2848 Message: 2848

wow this is pretty crazy you should check this out
http://www.tenews15.net/biz/?news=3782528

2850. Re: HEY

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-09 23:30:11 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2848 Message: 2850

Member has been moderated.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, tipledan@... wrote:
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> We've been invadede again.
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> In a message dated 5/8/2012 11:50:18 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
> kd5lhg@... writes:
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> wow this is pretty crazy you should check this out
> _http://www.tenews15.net/biz/?news=3782528_ (http://www.tenews15.net/biz/?news=3782528)
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2851. Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride.. its a week away!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 00:30:16 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 2851 Message: 2851

Hi Group,

I posted something about this a few months back, but I want to put out another post now that we are only about a week away from the event as a little reminder.

To save re-typing a lot of stuff (something I don't do well), here is the link to the BMHA website about this years Dayton Hamvention BMHA activities.

http://www.bmha-hams.org/Timely/Dayton2012.htm

Even though the date on the web page is showing 2011, and the wrong day number, the rest of the info on the page is correct. We are scheduled to hit the trail on Saturday the 19th, at 2PM.. Mike, NF0N will be manning the trail head this year while we are out on the trail, since he had work done on his shoulder and the doctor says its a No-No for him to ride yet. We will be on 146.55MHz simplex from about 1:30PM onward if someone needs a talk-in. Call NF0N or KA0NCR.

Also, a good way to find the place and see the route on the map would be to start up Google Maps, zoom in to the Dayton area and on the left side of the screen under traffic, click the drop down box and select "Bicycle". Look near "Riverside" and find "Eastwood park". The trail going south is the creakside trail. It turns south east and heads to Xenia.

I hope to see a bunch this year. Last year we had great weather and the trail was great.

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

2852. Re: Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride.. its a week away!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 00:37:29 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2851 Message: 2852

Arnie caught a placeholder from last year's ride announcement on the website.

It has now been updated correctly. Enjoy the ride!
> http://www.bmha-hams.org/Timely/Dayton2012.htm

- Skip AA6WK
Webmaster@...

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "vhuntertdi" <vhuntertdi@...> wrote:
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2853. 2PM starting time for BMHA hamvention ride.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 00:44:27 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 2853 Message: 2853

P.S. to my last post...

I posted back in December that we were going to start at 1PM, but as its posted on the web page, we will be starting at 2PM. We will muster at the trail head between 1 and 2.

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

2854. Thanks Skip!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 00:52:40 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 2854 Message: 2854

Thanks Skip!

You are right on top of things, I didn't even see your reply while typing my "PS" message.

Mike NF0N and I are going to leave Tuesday afternoon for Dayton, stopping to stay overnight in Cedar Rapids, IA with Gary, NQ0V.

Gary is one of the organizers for our RAGBRAI bike group "team MegaCycles", and will be one of the forum speakers at the BMHA forum on Sunday.

Thursday afternoon several of us will be out on the creakside trail checking it out so we have no surprise waiting for us on Saturday.

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

2855. Re: Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride.. its a week away!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 16:12:18 UTC
From: ka9rsl
Topic: 2851 Message: 2855

I'll be arriving about noon on Thursday. I may do some riding on the trails in the afternoon. Will be monitoring 146.55. Also will have APRS KA9RSL-9 and IC703+ HF. I posted a couple new pictures with the HF installed. Made 3 contacts on it this morning. 5 watts. Croatia, Alabama and Colorado.

Keith, KA9RSL
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2856. Knee's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 19:51:17 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2856 Message: 2856

Hello all been sometime since I posted! My health was very poor last year so most of my biking and ham radio activity was ver limited but I am determined to change these circumstances! Any one riding that has bad knee/s and can give me some riding tips?

I have a EZ-1 Super cruiser Bent, a Trek mountain bike and a Lotus Elite 600 Triathlon bike and am thinking that since both of my knees are very painful especially my left knee which will be replaced in about 3months I should not ride the trek MB so the choice is between the EZ-1 and my Lotus 600. Which do you think would be easier on my knees considering that each has a different stroke configuration? Any specific cadence/Spinning techniques? 73 Johnny KD5LWU Cortez, Colorado

2857. Re: [BMHA] Knee's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 20:18:16 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 2856 Message: 2857

Johnny,

Usually, lowering your seat, softer suspension, lower gears, higher spin rates are what you want. Knees handle lite rotational loads much better than heavy pushing/support loads.

Paul "Gimpy" Petach

On May 13, 2012, at 12:51, "Johnny Shepherd" <fieldservice@...> wrote:

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2858. Re: Knee's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 21:23:19 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2856 Message: 2858

Johnny,

I think you should be very careful with those knees. Maybe you should ask your doctor the question you just posted.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2859. Re: [BMHA] Re: Knee's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-13 22:13:35 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2856 Message: 2859

I have and he said bicycling is okay thanks though for the safety thought 73 Johnny KD5LWU

Sent from my iPad 2 - Skype me at kd5lwuipad@... or FaceTime apple video kd5lwu@...

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2860. Re: Knee's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-14 03:21:44 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2856 Message: 2860

Hey Johnny, I have used your systems both via echolink and RF when within range of your system.
As a rabid bent rider, with a bit of a trick knee, and with a wife with very bad knees who is now riding a recumbent catrike, I highly recommend you stick with your bent. Much easier on all the human hardware and joints. I'm taking my bent to Hamvention and plan to again go along for the ride...
Jim W5AOX

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2861. Re: [BMHA] Knee's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-14 03:26:28 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2856 Message: 2861

Thank you Paul my seat on the diamond frame is set for a slight bend in my knee but if I lower more wouldn't that force more pressure on my knee? Johnny KD5LWU

Sent from my iPad 2 - Skype me at kd5lwuipad@... or FaceTime apple video kd5lwu@...

On May 13, 2012, at 2:18 PM, Paul <rfpaul@...> wrote:

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2862. Re: [BMHA] Re: Knee's

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-14 03:35:57 UTC
From: Johnny Shepherd
Topic: 2856 Message: 2862

Hi Jim nice to hear from you! I am half thinking (that is my normal state these days lol) I might stagger the bikes so as to work different sets of muscles for strengthening and all muscles surrounding the knees but using most the bike least painful. Does that sound like a plan?

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> > Sent from my iPad 2 - Skype me at kd5lwuipad@... or FaceTime apple video kd5lwu@...
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> > On May 13, 2012, at 3:23 PM, "n7net" <n7net@...> wrote:
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2863. Re: Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride.. its a week away!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-14 14:32:07 UTC
From: va3bit
Topic: 2851 Message: 2863

I also expect to arrive in the area about noon on Thursday. This is my first Hamvention and I only recently discovered and joined BMHA. I look forward to the ride on Saturday and forum on Sunday. I expect I'll be cycling the Dayton trails on Thursday afternoon/evening. No HF on my bike (yet) but will monitor 146.55 and can be found at va3bit-6 on aprs.

73
Arthur
va3bit in Ottawa, Ontario

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "ka9rsl" <kamiller@...> wrote:
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>
> I'll be arriving about noon on Thursday. I may do some riding on the trails in the afternoon. Will be monitoring 146.55. Also will have APRS KA9RSL-9 and IC703+ HF. I posted a couple new pictures with the HF installed. Made 3 contacts on it this morning. 5 watts. Croatia, Alabama and Colorado.
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> Keith, KA9RSL
> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "vhuntertdi" <vhuntertdi@> wrote:
> >
> > Hi Group,
> >
> > I posted something about this a few months back, but I want to put out another post now that we are only about a week away from the event as a little reminder.
> >
> > To save re-typing a lot of stuff (something I don't do well), here is the link to the BMHA website about this years Dayton Hamvention BMHA activities.
> >
> > http://www.bmha-hams.org/Timely/Dayton2012.htm
> >
> > Even though the date on the web page is showing 2011, and the wrong day number, the rest of the info on the page is correct. We are scheduled to hit the trail on Saturday the 19th, at 2PM.. Mike, NF0N will be manning the trail head this year while we are out on the trail, since he had work done on his shoulder and the doctor says its a No-No for him to ride yet. We will be on 146.55MHz simplex from about 1:30PM onward if someone needs a talk-in. Call NF0N or KA0NCR.
> >
> > Also, a good way to find the place and see the route on the map would be to start up Google Maps, zoom in to the Dayton area and on the left side of the screen under traffic, click the drop down box and select "Bicycle". Look near "Riverside" and find "Eastwood park". The trail going south is the creakside trail. It turns south east and heads to Xenia.
> >
> >
> > I hope to see a bunch this year. Last year we had great weather and the trail was

great.
> >
> > 73 - Arnie KA0NCR
> >
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2864. Hamvention pictures

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-21 15:04:32 UTC
From: ka9rsl
Topic: 2864 Message: 2864

I uploaded some pictures from Hamvention. If anyone would like to tag them with their call or name it would help me remember who you all are.

Good meeting everyone.

73
Keith, KA9RSL

2865. Re: [BMHA] DAYTON bike ride pictures.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-22 14:42:44 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 2865 Message: 2865

Hi Keith,

Glad you could post some pictures. I had a great time checking out all the rolling hamshacks and i have a few new ideas now.

I hope you can make it to the ride next year.

73. Arnie. KA0NCR

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2866. BMHA at Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-22 15:13:06 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2866 Message: 2866

Hey it sounds like the BMHA get together was big fun! Since I was over in California, I am enjoying reading your reports.

Rem
K6BBQ

2867. Re: Hamvention pictures

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-24 04:36:34 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2864 Message: 2867

I just uploaded 20 images from BMHA Hamvention 2012 too. Look for the W5AOX Hamvention 2012 folder.
Again many thaks to Keith KA9RSL for the ride to the BMHA starting point and back to the motel Saturday.
Some images are from my 18-mile ride on Monday from our Miamisburg motel to the air museum at Wright-Patterson via the Miami River and Mad River Trails. VERY nice ride; rode right up to the Air Museum parking lot.
Great to see all the human powered riggings...
73 de Jim W5AOX

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2868. external speakers anyone?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-25 21:51:12 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2868 Message: 2868

I am looking at adding a couple of external speakers to my trike so I can hear the radio better. Has anyone mounted speakers on their bikes and if so, what kind were able to be connected to a bike frame.

Rem
K6BBQ

2869. Re: [BMHA] external speakers anyone?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-25 23:42:28 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2868 Message: 2869

Other than the speaker/mic on my HT I have not had a speaker on my bicycle, but I have tried several different speakers for in the car and love this one...

http://www.ebay.com/itm/DUAL-SUN-VISOR-CB-HAM-EXTENSION-SPEAKER-/270967033693#ht_500wt_1132

>>> bbqhamtrike<marinqrp@...> 5/25/2012 3:51 PM >>>

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K6BBQ

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2870. Re: external speakers anyone?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-27 20:07:07 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2868 Message: 2870

I mounted an MFJ Clear Tone Speaker on my bike, where the water bottle mount was, between my legs. I was able to use the same bolt that held the water bottle mount, to mount the speaker bracket and I can swivel the speaker to point it up towards me. These speakers are cheap (12 or 15 bucks) and sound much better that any speaker built in to a radio. They come with a mounting bracket so there's many possibilities for attaching it to your bike or trike.

73 de Mike, KF3CD

Now at 110 countries worked from my bike, all with 50 watts or less, a Yaesu FT-100 and hamsticks.

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2871. Re: external speakers anyone?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-29 03:12:45 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2868 Message: 2871

Mike,

Thank you very much. I just looked at the MFJ 281 Clear Tone speaker and MFJ 382 speaker amplifier. The 281 uses 8 volts and the 382 uses 9 volts or 110 volts AC. I wanted to run the speaker off of a 12 volt battery but I might have to settle on using rechargeable 9 volt batteries. I really like the idea of being able to use the bolt at the water bottle mount. That is a brilliant location!

Rem
K6BBQ
BBQ Ham Radio
http://www.youtube.com/user/K6BBQsHamShack

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2872. RE: [BMHA] Re: external speakers anyone?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-29 04:12:15 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2868 Message: 2872

It is not that hard to get 9v off your 12v. Just build a simple 9v regulator using the 7809 (there is also a 7808 and 7805). These have been around since I was a kid. Go to http://www.circuitstoday.com/9-v-regulator-using-7809 for a classic design.

Also the LM386 is available in a 1 audio Watt design. Low power drain and works as a great amp on any speaker. I used a couple of them to build a battery powered guitar amp back in the 70's. You can pull all kinds of design schematics from the web these days.

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-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of bbqhamtrike
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2012 10:13 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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2873. HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-31 18:57:27 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 2873 Message: 2873

Hello, long time bicyclist, new ham.

I'm looking to see if I can get a simple bicycle mobile setup for area charity rides. I want to try to do this with my Wouxun dual band HT in my back pocket and a Pryme headset with a PTT button clipped on to my jersey. I'm thinking the HT should be good enough here in So Cal, because we are near sea level but will have line of sight to nearby repeaters at over 5500' elevation.

The sticking point may be the antenna, which won't be pointing vertical when in my normal riding position. I need to replace the rubber duck antenna anyway, any HT antenna suggestions?

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2874. Re: [BMHA] HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-31 19:24:28 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2873 Message: 2874

Brian,

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73's,

Jeff - KE7OUR

On Thu, May 31, 2012 at 11:57 AM, Brian <bpdlists@...> wrote:

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2875. Re: [BMHA] HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-31 19:29:34 UTC
From: Albert Furlow
Topic: 2873 Message: 2875

cool.. but not the coolest.

I home made an antenna out of coax, taped it to a fiberglass fishing pole, got it up like 8 feet.. 5/8 wave antenna. Kicks butt..

Google it.. coaxial antenna for a bike. A ham named Mike has a page..forgot his call.

Google it your friend...

AL KA1FFO

From: Jeff Newton <saanpregion@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2012 3:24 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

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2876. Re: [BMHA] HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-31 20:23:54 UTC
From: Tyrell Berry
Topic: 2873 Message: 2876

A thought on the Wouxon KG-UVD1P (and possibly other wouxons): The antenna connector is a male SMA instead of the standard female connector, therefore requiring a female to female SMA adaptor before connecting a standard antenna.

I haven't seen an adapter that goes from female SMA to BNC... And so I run two adapters. The reason I run BNC is because it's quick to switch out between my vehicle, base, and whatever other antennas.

However, the construction of the radio isn't as reinforced as many hams are used to... Therefore I try to minimize stress on the antenna connector on the radio by using the factory ducky when walking around events.

For what it's worth, the performance from the factory antenna is roughly equivalent to my Jetstream JT776SMA on the same radio, despite the conventional wisdom from other brands that suggests you never run a factory antenna... YMMV.
On May 31, 2012 12:19 PM, "Brian" <bpdlists@...> wrote:

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2877. Re: HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-31 21:10:25 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 2873 Message: 2877

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Tyrell Berry <kd7kuj@...> wrote:
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I do have that model Wouxun, but I forgot to mention that I do indeed have one of these SMA to BNC adapters also:

http://www.powerwerx.com/wouxun-radios/wouxun-sma-female-bnc-antenna-rf-adapter.html

Brian
KJ6VZV

2878. Re: [BMHA] HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-05-31 22:04:12 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 2873 Message: 2878

You can also build a J-pole out of twin-lead and attach that to one of those bicycle safety flags on fiberglass poles. That gets it up high.

73 de AC7EW
Kelly

On 5/31/2012 12:29 PM, Albert Furlow wrote:
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2879. Re: [BMHA] HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-01 03:25:05 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2873 Message: 2879

I wish I had pictures to show you, but...

A lot depends on whether you have a metal (steel, aluminum etc) frame bike or carbon fiber...

My wife rides a carbon fiber bike and I've got a Comet 14" whip velcro strapped to the seat tube (vertical tube from crank to bottom of the seat with micro-coax wound around the diagonal tube up to the bag attached to her handlebars where the Icom IC-T90A sits in a side pocket in the bag and the speaker mic is clipped to the cable sheath... it has been suggested that we set up a tigertail where the coax connects to the radio, but really we haven't seen a need to as she's been able to hit repeaters on every ride the bike's been set up like this on (and that's a lot of rides over the past 4 years).

Mickey
KE7NZA

>>> Brian<bpdlists@...> 5/31/2012 12:57 PM >>>

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2880. Re: [BMHA] HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-01 12:05:51 UTC
From: Damon Lewis
Topic: 2873 Message: 2880

I would suggest that you try just using the factory setup first to see if you have any problems. I rode with a HT in the center pocket of my jersey for years and didn't have any problems hitting the repeaters. At the time I was living in Missouri and riding in Missouri and Kansas.

Damon KB0QCN

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2881. Re: HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-01 17:15:31 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 2873 Message: 2881

I use a vehicle mirror mount (the type truckers use for CB radio) on my rear aluminum rack that has the 3/4 24 thread. I took the dual band MFJ 18 inch antenna out of its mag mount and screwed it into the mount. This mount will also work on the handlebars however, it was a safety hazard to my eyes.

There is also a clamp on type mount that can be used on the seat post however you will have to use a piece of flat metal to extend the antenna mounting position so it is clear of your seat. The clamp works on the vertical post where the mirror mount works on the horizontal post.

Good Luck
73
Jim
W1RO

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2882. Hamstick to Outbacker convertion?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-01 17:22:29 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 2882 Message: 2882

Hi Group,

At the BMHA forum this year there was a hand out by one of the presenters (Ned?) about converting a 80 meter hamstick to a poor mans outbacker.

I didn't get up to the table in time to get one of these handouts. Mike NF0N tells me that there is a copy of this in the files section, but I have
not been able to find it. I searched by Ned's e-mail and by outbacker and hamstick to see if there was any reference to a file here on yahoo. All I found were a couple of people chatting about it back in 2001 or so..

Anyhow, If someone could point me to it on the web, or if anyone has this info stored away, if they could forward it to me at my E-mail address of KA0NCR "at" Yahoo "dot" com it could save me re-inventing the wheel.

From checking out the antenna at the ride, and the results, I think I would like to try this antenna out. It looks like it would stand up to a lot of trail use and abuse and seemed to work well on the air. The price is right too!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

2883. Re: HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-01 18:03:14 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2873 Message: 2883

As always, I recommend the bicycle flag pole J pole
(http://www.qsl.net/w5aox/images/JPole_W5AOX_Bike.jpg) for both visibility and Radio Performance.
That said, the black Teflon-clad springie thingie 19" whips sold at Hamvention (works well for both 2 meters and 440) worked very well for me before I graduated to J poles. Even mounted just on top of the HT they offer much improved performance over any rubber duck, which will work, occasionally, with disappointing comments from others such as "I can't make out what you're saying..."

2884. Re: Hamstick to Outbacker convertion?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-01 18:44:55 UTC
From: wc4xned
Topic: 2882 Message: 2884

Hi Arnie,

I just uploaded the BMHA newsletter that has the article about my antenna. It is in .pdf format in the "files" section of the forum. Hope it helps. I am happy to answer any questions.

Ned
WC4X

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2885. Re: [BMHA] HT Antenna for Bicycle Mobile?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-01 18:53:25 UTC
From: Rich Kuster
Topic: 2873 Message: 2885

Life is simple on a road or MTn bike w/ bike rack. A little piece of aluminum flat stock off the back with a fold over diamond dual band 1/2 wave & you are good to go. Get the thin cable kit from RF products with connector that goes direct to your ht. they'll make custom length with Sma or whatever u need at reasonable cost. Avoid the monkey business of multiple connector/adapter from pl259 as that puts a heck of a load on the ht body. Connect a speaker mic & toss ht in the handle bar front pack. I'll look for some photos to post later tonight.

73 de rich af1k

Sent from AF1K's iPhone

On Jun 1, 2012, at 8:05 AM, Damon Lewis <roadridero2@...> wrote:

> I would suggest that you try just using the factory setup first to see if you have any problems. I rode with a HT in the center pocket of my jersey for years and didn't have any problems hitting the repeaters. At the time I was living in Missouri and riding in Missouri and Kansas.
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> Damon KB0QCN
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2886. HF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-02 16:35:48 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2886 Message: 2886

Hello All,

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73's ...

Dave G4AKC <http://www.qrz.com/db/g4akc>

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2887. Re: HF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-03 15:57:14 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2886 Message: 2887

Dave,

Good luck on your 20 meter bicycle mobile adventure. That will be at 10:30pm California/West coast time. I will be asleep but if I was awake I would put up the Buddipole outside and listen for you. I hope you make some QSOs with North America.

Rem
K6BBQ

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "g4akc_mobile" <davidandtracy@...> wrote:
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2888. SMA-UHF adapter cables

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-04 03:29:23 UTC
From: w0rmt
Topic: 2888 Message: 2888

Folks-

who is your preferred source for UHF female -> SMA male adapter cables? I need something relatively short for my bicycle mobile setup with the HT. I'm using a Diamond K412CNMO trunk lip mount (re-purposed from my truck) on the bicycle's rear rack. This assembly terminates in a UHF connector, but rather than using an RF adapter I'd like to use a short adapter cable to relieve strain on the HT body. So I'm looking for something rather short (between 1-2').

Thanks in advance.

73 de Bud
W0RMT

2889. Need WAS sked help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-09 19:31:36 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2889 Message: 2889

Hi

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Can any of you point me to a website where I can post that I need certain states and if ops from those states might respond to me?
My QSO times are daytime only and I can only operate from 10-20 meters so the 40 meter award nets won't be of help to me.

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Rem
K6BBQ

2890. RE: [BMHA] Need WAS sked help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-09 19:42:47 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2889 Message: 2890

Hey Rem,
Why don't you list the states that you need and see of any of us can help out.
Are you going for the ARRL WAS - need to confirm by card? or BMHA WAS on the honor system?
73,

Ron
W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: marinqrp@...
Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2012 19:31:36 +0000
Subject: [BMHA] Need WAS sked help

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2891. Re: [BMHA] Need WAS sked help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-09 20:03:47 UTC
From: Jay B
Topic: 2889 Message: 2891

I can give (or try to give you) AZ and ME... Drop me an email.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 9, 2012, at 12:42 PM, Ron Baran <ronbaran@...> wrote:

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> Hey Rem,
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2892. Re: Need WAS sked help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-09 20:30:28 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2889 Message: 2892

Rem,

The K3UK web sked page is one good resource to make sked's. It's actually several types of sked's to make, LOTW, QRP, etc. Here is the address:
http://www.obriensweb.com/sked/index.php?board=skcc

I used this when I was going for the Triple Play Award.

Mike, NF0N

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "bbqhamtrike" <marinqrp@...> wrote:
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2893. Re: Need WAS sked help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-09 20:37:35 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2889 Message: 2893

Rem,

On the right side of the sked page you can click on different types of sked's: Fists, LOTW, Ragchew, SKCC and VUCC.

Mike, NF0N

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike" <nf0n@...> wrote:
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2894. Re: Need WAS sked help

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-10 14:59:50 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2889 Message: 2894

Thank you everyone,

I already have the K3UK FISTS skeds bookmarked and thought of this but didn't think about asking for help on these. It seems their Ragchew section would be the most appropriate.

I am looking for 50 QSL cards. I am not currently an ARRL member and don't think they offer a WAS mobile. I'd like the cards as a souvenir of having contacted all 50.

The remaining states I need are -
AR, DE, HI, MS, NE, NH, NJ, and SC.

73
Rem
K6BBQ

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike" <nf0n@...> wrote:
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> Mike, NF0N

2895. New BBQ mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-22 18:18:40 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2895 Message: 2895

Hi,

This morning I posted my 7th Call Area QSO Party (7QP) video of me operating QRP tricycle mobile while riding beside the North San Francisco Bay.

If you like the video, please share it with your friends and ham clubs,

- http://youtu.be/CHwSp6qKrCg

73

Rem
K6BBQ

2897. KA9RSL BIcycle mobile field day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-23 11:59:33 UTC
From: ka9rsl
Topic: 2897 Message: 2897

KA9RSl will be operating 1C IN this afternoon and evening.
Check close to the Hfpack frequencies on 20,15 or 10
Will be using the same setup that was on display at Dayton.
Only change is a solar panel 3x the output that I used at Dayton.
I will also be at our club FD station at Goshen Middle School
(N9HZ 4A IN +GOTA K9WJU)
Keith, KA9RSL

2898. RE: [BMHA] KA9RSL BIcycle mobile field day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-06-23 13:11:45 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2897 Message: 2898

W9XS 1C from IL. CW portions of 40 through 10. Starting on 10 to avoid the rush. Looking to beat last year's third place 1C finish. Or ... it will rain and I'll be in the family room drinking Corona. Open house at Ron's.
73 es GL
Ron

Ron Baran DDS, MBA, MA

Willowbrook, IL
630-325-9857
W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: kamiller@...
Date: Sat, 23 Jun 2012 11:59:33 +0000
Subject: [BMHA] KA9RSL BIcycle mobile field day

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2899. Tricycle Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-21 01:01:19 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2899 Message: 2899

It's that time of the month, about one month from my last video

If you like the video please share it with your friends and ham clubs

http://youtu.be/aXxwAg_EKJg

73

Rem
K6BBQ

2900. Re: [BMHA] Tricycle Mobile Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-21 01:09:06 UTC
From: Tom Huber
Topic: 2899 Message: 2900

Nice job.
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73 Tom WD?BFO

On Fri, Jul 20, 2012 at 8:01 PM, bbqhamtrike <marinqrp@...> wrote:

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2901. RAGBRAI Special Events W0R

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-21 02:21:51 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2901 Message: 2901

Team Megacycles will be riding RAGBRAI again, Registers Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. I will be doing the SAG support this year and hope to operate the Special Events Station, W0R, as time permits. Others may put out W0R from their bikes as they ride across Iowa. Here are some frequencies we may use: CW: 7054.5, 14054.5, 18089.5, 21054.5. SSB: 7191, 14339, 18138, 21339. If you hear us, please work us. If you would like the special event card, send SASE to NF0N. Hope to work many of you.

Mike, NF0N

2902. Re: RAGBRAI Special Events W0R

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-21 02:26:44 UTC
From: nf0n
Topic: 2901 Message: 2902

The dates of RAGBRAI are July 21-28. Forgot to mention the dates in the original message, sorry.

Mike, NF0N

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike" <nf0n@...> wrote:
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2903. Re: HF Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-23 08:05:31 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 2886 Message: 2903

Hi Dave. We should talk out of group, GS has now gone, did have a few PC problems after he went now fixed, also M3EMB is now in Hamcall and am waiting for QRZ.COM to do a update on my new qth, I did fell let downin you know what but will not go into that here. Good Dx Mike M3MB.

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2904. Cheap antenna wire = Audio speaker wire x 2

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-24 17:54:58 UTC
From: alanstevenson753
Topic: 2904 Message: 2904

I have found that you can get two for the price of one with speaker wire at 50m long, normally the cost for anything around 40 strands can be £25-28 you can get if you know where to look twice the amount for £10-12 and in most cases free postage, look for the thickness first. Alan.

2905. Re: Cheap antenna wire = Audio speaker wire x 2

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-24 22:57:01 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2904 Message: 2905

I've used speaker wire. It's fragile. I like lamp cord better.

73 de Scott/n7net

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2906. Re: Cheap antenna wire Fencing wire and Lamp cord.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-25 13:52:19 UTC
From: Alan Stevenson
Topic: 2906 Message: 2906

You like lamp cord and say its better how come!, wire is only as good as its strands, so how many has your lamp cord, you do see audio wire with 322 strands how that count them I do not no this is weak wire!!!!! how about such wire with 40 strands which I have used even as a end feed, in fact almost any copper wire that is multi stranded with a count of over 2 is better than a wire with only one strand. So what antenna wire do you use pref as a end feed long wire, at the moment I am looking at copper fencing wire, a 100m reel for only £30.00 thats 100 metres long, it has a breaking point at 375 pounds LBS. Alan G6LSW/A.

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2907. Re: Cheap antenna wire Fencing wire and Lamp cord.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-25 15:17:15 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2906 Message: 2907

If speaker wire meets your needs than by all means us it.

73 de Scott / n7net

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Alan Stevenson <alanstevenson753@...> wrote:
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2908. Re: Cheap antenna wire Fencing wire and Lamp cord.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-25 17:28:30 UTC
From: alanstevenson753
Topic: 2906 Message: 2908

Hi Scoot. What you have not said is how many strands has this lamp wire you use. Can I also presum that you use side light or bed side wire and both sides as a antenna run!
What I was in fact saying was that for the cost you can get 50m of non rot cooper speaker wire and too runs for the same cost.
Guys out there just ask the seller HOW MANY STRANDS HAS IT 40-300 is good plus what type of covering has it, what I do use is the white with a black stripe I have lost count past 40 just how many strands it has must be a minimum of 160 LOL. Alan

2909. Re: Cheap antenna wire Fencing wire and Lamp cord.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-25 20:08:18 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2906 Message: 2909

Alan,

My experience with speaker wire is limited. I've used it for fabribating light-weight, tuned antennas for portable work, trips into the mountains. They work well if zip ties are used to keep the strain off the connections. Lamp cord has a heavier insulation that bears up better, in my opinion. On site antenna repair is often difficult. I've been known to use a camp stove as a soldering iron. Not convenient and death on insulation. That's my take on it.

Fact is, I have a 20m dipole fabricated from speaker wire that circles my bedroom. :-)

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2910. Re: Cheap antenna wire Fencing wire and Lamp cord.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-26 08:00:35 UTC
From: alanstevenson753
Topic: 2906 Message: 2910

Hi Scott. Gas soldering, my first soldering was done this way blooming great heavy bump of copper bit and flux dipping plus those fhumes its and wonder I am still here.
I have a 10m roach pole that I slip black rubber rings over you can buy a container of these sizes are from little finger to wrist size, the containers has compartments for the sizes each section has about 20 and 10 sizes see ebay very handy for a vertical.
As to wire up the side of the pole the price for real antenna wire the clear pvc covered type was $18 for 10m were as speaker wire was only $8 and looked the same amount of wire strands.
I now rest my info and case, good luck with that camping stove soldering. Alan.

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2911. Re: [BMHA] Re: Cheap antenna wire = Audio speaker wire x 2

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-07-24 23:26:51 UTC
From: sean murphy
Topic: 2904 Message: 2911

Ive used it before as well for over a year and it is still up thru ice, wind, heat and rain.
sean
w1ynx
On Jul 24, 2012, at 6:57 PM, n7net wrote:

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2912. To HF mobile bicyclists

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-10 16:03:55 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2912 Message: 2912

To those of you who operate HF bicycle mobile, would you either please post to let me know your name and call so I can contact you off list to ask some questions.

In October I am doing a forum presentation at Pacificon in Northern California about tricycle mobile and am looking to have some short interviews.

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Rem
K6BBQ

2913. Re: To HF mobile bicyclists

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-10 20:14:57 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2912 Message: 2913

Rem,

I've had a modest amount of bicycle/tricycle HF
mobile, though with not so much success as many because mine is monoband QRP.

73 de Scott / n7net

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2914. Getting ready to go WCM with a TRX-80

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-11 08:54:36 UTC
From: alanstevenson753
Topic: 2914 Message: 2914

Hi Group. REceived yesterday from a US friend as a gift a TRX-80 coil and very well made it is too, never taken the step to go /pm but the xyl has a electric wheelchair which see runs people over with due to going blind in one eye so I am going to use it at 70 yrs old I deserve it.
I set up the TRX-80 as follows do not make my mistage... I did not have a 8' 5" SS whip so I looked around ar I said that old CB antenna might do the trick, the "Stinger" or top whip is 54" the bottom SS rod is 27" and the centra coil is 9 but note unknown amount of turns on it, the set up on 14 mhz WITHOUT a earth wire inside the room tuned up very well so at least I had done something right as a first time user, but even with a earth wire it would not tune 7 MHz -10 MHz 18 but tuned well on 29.995!!! so the set up was to long!!! taken the coil apart the wire on it was 8' so the total came to 14.75 feet and not 8' 5" as the seller was using, where have I gone wrong!
Should I just run a bit of wire from the coil holders eg SS whip goes into the top hole and the SS rod in the bottom and bridge the gap. Alan g6lsw.

2915. Re: To HF mobile bicyclists

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-11 14:58:31 UTC
From: ka9rsl
Topic: 2912 Message: 2915

Keith, KA9RSL. My bike is pictured on page 13 of the August issue of CQ.

Pictures are also in the KA9RSL folder here.
IC-703+
LiFEPO4 batteries with solar charging. Now 20 watt panel to replace the 5 watt in the pictures
Buddistick antenna.
Bob trailer.
Pictured with Byonics MMT APRS, now with Yaesu VX-8GR for VHF/UHF/APRS
1/2 wave Larsen antenna.

Leaving today for a week credit card touring in Wisconsin.
Will only have the VX-8GR radio onboard. Watch for KA9RSL-7 on aprs

2917. Bicycle Mobile From UK

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-12 20:25:59 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2917 Message: 2917

Hello All

Been out on my HF bicycle mobile recently as the weather has been quite good here in the north west part of England.

So, operating 20M ssb "bicycle mobile" from the beach area near Blackpool England with up to 200 Watts pep from around 05:30GMT - 08:30 GMT.

The following were all worked on SSB with really good signals both ways:

VK3VBC/Mobile
PE1OAD/MM (Southern Australia)
KF5FBR/M0bile
CO6LE
K7EMF
W9BDN
K6JAT
NZ6RQ
K7BB
NA7RH
K1ZPZ
W7VJ
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ZL4DH
ZL4DH/Mobile
VE6LRR
VK2DEL
VK3HJ
VE7VF
ZL3ADW/Mobile
VK3MRG
VK3GL
KH6YY
VK4MJ
VK7BC
VK6HCF/Portable QRP
VK2DD
VK5ZKT
VK7ROY
VK6ACF
OE6MBG/P/I3
VK6ACF/Mobile
VK3MJB

VK5ADK
9Z4BM
E51JD
KJ4RWQ
ZD7FT
AA6K
VK2MTC
KA5KZF
VK6AKT
VK7ZE
VK3NF
VK3PAH
VK3LY

20M is in good shape, so a very enjoyable trip out.

Plan to be out on again on Tuesday morning (14th Aug) from about 05:30 GMT and as there has been good propagation to the west coast USA from the UK recently it would be good to make a contact bicycle to bicycle mobile, hope to hear from you guys!

73's ...

Dave, G4AKC
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/REALHFMOBILE/message/www.g4akc.co.uk>

2918. Dave g4akc a question re TRX-80 coil..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-13 09:21:08 UTC
From: alanstevenson753
Topic: 2918 Message: 2918

Hi Dave et all.
Seeing as no one has a TRX-80 coil with slid tune which is about 10 inches long and 1-3/4 inch dia I am wondering if 102-106 inch whip is the right amound to go on top of it, the seller a DAN ***** now at HUron Communications and selling on ebay US states "Sold 100s" with lots of copies - I have seen the groved one, so once again is 102-106 inch whip about right. Alan g6lsw

2919. Re: Dave g4akc a question re TRX-80 coil..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-13 11:43:07 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 2918 Message: 2919

Sorry Alan I have no knowledge of this antenna / coil combination.

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2920. My first ever WCM

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-14 15:06:40 UTC
From: alanstevenson753
Topic: 2920 Message: 2920

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2921. Re: [BMHA] My first ever WCM

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-14 15:13:46 UTC
From: Albert Furlow
Topic: 2920 Message: 2921

COOL DEAL!!! Keep it going!

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From: alanstevenson753 <alanstevenson753@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 11:06 AM
Subject: [BMHA] My first ever WCM

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2922. Re: My first ever WCM - Thank you Albert.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-14 19:30:32 UTC
From: alanstevenson753
Topic: 2920 Message: 2922

Thank you Albert for your comments of my first WCM, my next move is a roach pole antena and 10m of wire to its side just need to work out a fitting.
Got a nice RF burn today have not had one of those in 20 years, I touch the side of the TRX-80 coil while holding the slider resonator and woo that hurt.
The wx was 82f today so that was good, more reports next time I hope, its a start. Alan g6lsw

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Albert Furlow <albeham@...> wrote:
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2923. Re: My first ever WCM

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-15 14:14:17 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2920 Message: 2923

Alan,

Congratulations! That is excellent news! Welcome to the world of HF mobile. I hope you have many more mobile QSOs.

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2924. Re: My first ever WCM - Getting a few offers of help.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-08-15 15:51:09 UTC
From: alanstevenson753
Topic: 2920 Message: 2924

I am getting a few offers of help from across the pond all in the sprit of Ham Radio which is great, this is not just in words but in fittings to hold poles in place on the electric scooter fittings
I cold never think off and clever in there design, it must have been great for the English kids when the Yanks came over with there sweets and chocolate, in Suffolk I am told Pennys can still be found, god bless the US of A. alan.

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2926. Interesting Handlebar bracket for accessories

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-03 16:16:03 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2926 Message: 2926

I recently came across an interesting bracket sold by velo-orange for mounting accessories on handlebars. It bolts on in place of two of the bolts retaining the handlebar clamp for threadless stems. I installed one this weekend - installation is very easy - you need a 6mm open wrench and a 4mm allen wrench. The mount is 31.8mm diameter and made of a hard slightly rubberized plastic.

It will work very well for lights, computers, clearing handlebar space for the important stuff (radios!). I think it is strong enough to handle lighter radio equipment (HTs, removable faceplate/control heads). If someone wants to loan me a KX3, I'd be happy to test that! :) I'm not sure if it is rugged enough to support an FT817 but I plan to give it a quick try.

I've uploaded photos of the bracket installed on my commuter to my album. The bracket is adjustable side-to side; the photos show it slid over to the right. Search for KS1G in the photo area and look for the 3 "Dajiaa handlebar bracket" photos: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/photos/album/1949487468/pic/972290839/view?picmode=&mode=tn&order=mtime&start=1&count=20&dir=desc
The photos show a side, front (with cover removed to show the side-to-side adjustment) and top views. The Minoura mount I've used for my FT817 is beneath the Dajiaa bracket, I'll decide later which bracket I'll use for what items.

Link to the product page at velo-orange: http://store.velo-orange.com/index.php/accessories/leather-goods-handlebar-grips/accessory-mount-for-threadless-stems.html

Hope this information is useful for folks looking to rearrange the "cockpit" of the bikes.

73
Steve KS1G

2927. APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-07 22:55:18 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 2927 Message: 2927

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Brian DeSousa
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KJ6VZV

2928. Re: [BMHA] APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-07 23:09:54 UTC
From: Tyrell Berry
Topic: 2927 Message: 2928

The GPS must be capable of outputting NMEA-83 format serial data. It is THEORETICALLY possible to pass the sentences through a the iPhone using a Bluetooth to serial adapter, but I have never known it to be done... and I speculate Apple would likely deny any app that tried. A similar technique is used in APRSDroid on Android, proving its possible, but very few users utilize that approach.

A quick google search suggests the Garmin is not NMEA capable. Even if it were, most consumer grade navigation units won't properly display APRS data.

Your best bet is probably the GPS receiver offered with the TT4... It's relatively inexpensive, and seems to get the job done. If you were looking to replace your Garmin, consider the AVMap G6aprs. It is engineered purposely for use with a TT4 and APRS.
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2929. Re: APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-07 23:29:29 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 2927 Message: 2929

So how are the TinyTrak combos with the Bionics GPS2? I've been running the Wouxun HT in my back pocket, would the TinyTrak/GPS be small enough to fit in my back pocket? How about getting the cable that will let me power the TinyTrak/GPS from the mic jack on the HT - a good idea, or will it drain down the HT battery? (And after typing all this, I realize plugging the TinyTrak/GPS into the HT will preclude me from plugging an external mic/earpiece...)

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2930. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-07 23:40:03 UTC
From: Tyrell Berry
Topic: 2927 Message: 2930

I don't know the answer to all those questions, as I have never actually held the TT or it's GPS... However, on the subject of a headset, remember that the Wouxon is not true dual receive, so even if you COULD have both, voice and APRS are mutually exclusive...
On Sep 7, 2012 4:29 PM, "Brian" <bpdlists@...> wrote:

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2931. Re: [BMHA] APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-08 01:32:58 UTC
From: Mickey Applebaum
Topic: 2927 Message: 2931

There are applications available for the iPhone that will allow it to be your total GPS solution.. some of them will even allow the iPhone to access iGates through it's G3 connection so your position can be tracked on aprs.fi as well as radio based tracking solutions.

Another option for the iPhone is PocketPacket which allows your iPhone to send APRS packets over your TNC equipped radio..

http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pocketpacket/id336500866?mt=8

Check the video on using Pocket Packet

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2932. Re: APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-08 05:44:08 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 2927 Message: 2932

Even better, thanks. I set up an account on openaprs.net and downloaded the OpenAPRS iPhone app. It should be sufficient for my occasional APRS usage. Though does anyone know what the "CMRS" option does in the iPhone app?

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2933. Re: APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-08 11:04:17 UTC
From: n7net
Topic: 2927 Message: 2933

Brian,

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73 de Scott/n7net

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2934. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-08 12:08:46 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 2927 Message: 2934

Hey Scott have you term anything for the android phones?

Jeff -- KE7OUR
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2935. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-08 12:26:43 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2927 Message: 2935

Jeff,

No, I have only the iPhone. I discovered the APRS apps after the fact.

73 de Scott/n7net

On Sep 8, 2012, at 7:08 AM, Jeff Newton <saanpregion@...> wrote:

> Hey Scott have you term anything for the android phones?
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> On Sep 8, 2012 4:04 AM, "n7net" <n7net@yahoo.com> wrote:
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2936. Re: [BMHA] Re: APRS - Using GPS from iPhone or Garmin Edge 500

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-08 16:55:53 UTC
From: Tyrell Berry
Topic: 2927 Message: 2936

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2937. Can you help me raise funds for the MS Society?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-10 02:01:32 UTC
From: Steve Nielson
Topic: 2937 Message: 2937

We need to be careful how many (if any) of this sort of message we allow in the group. It is a good cause, but not directly related to the topics of ham radio while bicycling. I'll let this one through for now, but will be selective about future approvals. If you (the readership) have strong opinions, they can be sent to BMHA@... and we'll review policy.
National MS Society I have just learned that a good friend and fellow cyclist who is planning to ride with me has also donated to the MS society in my name! WOW, I feel special, someone donated to this charity in order to get to ride with me! Of course I am a bit passionate for this cause with a sister-in-law and niece (mother & daughter) living with MS. I have paid and donated: * Paid – Even as a volunteer, we pay the cost of our participation. (Yes, there are some sponsors and group purchasing, but we pay our way – your $ do not pay for our rides!) * Donated – Yes, I donate to the cause too! Can you help? Any amount will be strongly appreciated! I am riding about 150 miles while helping other riders. * 1 Cent a mile is $1.50 – That would help * ...$2.50...? * ...$5.00...? * ...$7.50...? * ...$10.00...? * ...$12.50...? * 1 Dime (10 cents) a mile is $15.00 – That would help! * ...$25.00...? * ...$50.00...? * ...$75.00...? * ...$125.00...? * 1 Dollar a mile is $150.00 – That would help! You get the idea! I don't want to set an upper limit if you are so inclined! Please visit National MS Society today!
Click here to visit my personal page. (http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?px=3797700&pg=personal&fr_id=17854&et=CmKHX7pvNX_GGONeCHRImg)
If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?px=3797700&pg=personal&fr_id=17854&et=CmKHX7pvNX_GGONeCHRImg

If you no longer wish to receive email messages sent from your friends on behalf of this organization, please follow the link below: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TellFriendOpt?action=optout&toe=8607b1ade60ad67064371e6b5cb314e71ccd4c50a5c00593
MS stops people from moving. The National MS Society exists to make sure it doesn't. We are a collective of passionate individuals, moving together to create a world free of MS. JOIN THE MOVEMENT Early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can make a difference for people with multiple sclerosis. Learn about your options by talking to your health care professional and contacting the National MS Society at www.nationalmssociety.org http://www.nationalmssociety.org/ or 1-800-344-4867. National Multiple Sclerosis Society | 733 Third Avenue | New York, NY | 10017 This message was sent to n5qc@.... To ensure that you continue to receive our emails, please add us to your address book. Privacy Policy http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=privacypolicy [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2938. Response to charity request on the forum -- the voting is clear

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-09-10 13:14:30 UTC
From: slafetra
Topic: 2937 Message: 2938

We received quick and overwhelming feedback from the forum members.
Laudable as such a message is, it isn't in keeping with the bicycling/ham intent of this forum, so in the future we will ask that such messages be posted elsewhere.

Thank you everyone for responding (and uniformally being civil) in letting your opinions be known.

- Skip AA6WK (one of several group moderators)

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> <start of moderator's edit>
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> <end of moderator's edit. The author's message follows>

2940. Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-04 02:26:15 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 2940 Message: 2940

Last weekend I was a bicycle mobile for the first time, a report is here:
http://www.kj6vzv.com/2012/10/02/my-first-time-bicycle-mobile-experience\/
On the next ride, the repeaters are going to be harder to hit, so I want to move from the HT/antenna in the back pocket setup, over to a bicycle mounted antenna.
I dug out this water bottle seat mount from my parts bin:
http://twitter.com/BikingBrian/status/253309964469297152/photo/1
Then I'll make an aluminum shelf for the antenna, similar as to what is described here: http://www.gobahams.org/how_to_wire_a_bike.pdf
I'll pick up a Diamond C101 UHF mount (what size hole will I have to drill for it?) and then move my Comet SBB-5 1/2 wave antenna from the minivan over to the bike.
With an antenna mounted on the bike, I don't like being tethered to the bike by having an HT in the back pocket. So I'll get a Topeak or similar cell phone mount for the handlebars and a speaker mic.
Any fatal flaws with the setup, or other refinements?
Brian DeSousaKJ6VZVOrange, CA

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2942. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-04 17:31:02 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2940 Message: 2942

----- Original Message -----
From: "Brian"
(snip)
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I deal with that by carrying the rig on my belt (if my bike outfit does not have a belt I use one only to carry my HT). Some sort of a quick disconnect in the antenna line is a good idea ... something as simple as not twisting shut a BNC connector will work.

Richard Amirault
Boston, MA, USA
http://n1jdu.org
http://bostonfandom.org
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7hf9u2ZdlQ

2943. Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-05 06:21:16 UTC
From: briandesousa
Topic: 2940 Message: 2943

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Richard Amirault" <walthamara@...> wrote:
> I don't like using a speaker mic. It means taking one hand off your
> handlebars. I prefer using a headset, however that entails more "connection"
> to the rig.

So do you have a PTT button on the bicycle?

Here's a photo of my first attempt at the antenna mount. I put the bracket in a vise and bent the front holes so the antenna would be vertical. But then the aluminum on the bracket started showing some cracks (see red arrows). Will it still be strong enough to hold? Or maybe I should make a second attempt with a larger aluminum plate also going to the back holes on the bracket. Other thoughts?

http://twitter.com/BikingBrian/status/254100012320059392/photo/1

Brian DeSousa
KJ6VZV
Orange, CA

2944. Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-05 13:13:33 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2940 Message: 2944

Here's a link to my favorite ebay vendor for motorcycle PTT and helmet setups for the Kenwood TH-D7 and others:
http://www.ebay.com/itm/220584814791?ssPageName=STRK:MEWNX:IT&_trksid=p3984.m1497.l2649
For $25 including shipping it's hard to beat. I have 2 of them on different bikes and the oldest one has lasted over 4 years of almost daily riding.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "briandesousa" <bpdlists@...> wrote:
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2945. Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-05 13:32:49 UTC
From: ednisley
Topic: 2940 Message: 2945

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "briandesousa" <bpdlists@...> wrote:
> Will it still be strong enough to hold?

Vibration will probably break it in short order. Here's what happened to an unmodified Diamond antenna mount attached to the seat frame of a recumbent:

http://softsolder.com/2009/07/10/commercial-mobile-antenna-mounts-on-a-recumbent-failures-thereof/
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My homebrew mounts still show no signs of strain:

http://softsolder.com/2009/07/11/recumbent-bicycle-amateur-radio-antenna-mount/
<http://softsolder.com/2009/07/11/recumbent-bicycle-amateur-radio-antenna-mount/>

http://softsolder.com/2010/05/18/re-rebuilding-a-recumbent-antenna-mount/
<http://softsolder.com/2010/05/18/re-rebuilding-a-recumbent-antenna-mount/>

As nearly as I can tell, nothing exceeds like excess!

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2946. Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-05 14:03:46 UTC
From: briandesousa
Topic: 2940 Message: 2946

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "ednisley" <ed.08.nisley@...> wrote:
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "briandesousa" <bpdlists@> wrote:
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> an unmodified Diamond antenna mount attached to the seat frame of a
> recumbent:

Thanks - so it looks like I will move onto attempt number two. New water bottle mount (this one is still available), flipped upside down, steel plate mounted to all four holes, then a bend in the steel plate in order to make the antenna point vertical.

http://www.minourausa.com/english/accessory-e/sbh300-e.html

Brian DeSousa
KJ6VZV
Orange, CA

2947. Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-05 14:25:23 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 2940 Message: 2947

One of my younger hams tells me I run old school when it comes to mounting antenna and radio on my bike.

My antenna mount is a automobile Mirror mount, 3/4 inch wide and about 3 inches long, with 3/8 24 thread for the antenna. This allows for me to use a variety of antenna, 1/4 wave 2 meter, dual band-2 meter/440, 2 meter 80 inch Hustler co-linear, or HF. This is mounted on a the far end of my rear rack on the right side. The coax runs under the rack, wraps around the center bar all the way to a handle bar bag (old style). Since most of my mobile ops are on one freq I tuck the radio into a safe padded part of the bag. I run a headset under my helmet. I modified the lining of the helmet so it is comfortable with the lightweight headset. Boom mic has a foam windscreen to hold down the noise. The PTT is tie wrapped to the handlebars so I can comfortably reach it with my right thumb. The PTT switch is a 3 position. Neutral for off, left is monetary, right is locked on until I touch again to move it off. This set up works well for public safety events and commuting. I have crash into a sidewalk when force off the road by a car and none of the equipment was even scratched. Only the riders pride was injured until he caught up with the local police bicycle patrol and gave them the license plate number of the car. The driver was really surprised when two bicycle police officers pulled him over to allow him to received a ticket. Justice. We have more support in this area now that Nevada has passed the 3 foot rule where cars passing bicyclist must move over to allow 3 feet between car an bike when passing.

Enjoy your bike mobile operations.
73
Jim
W1RO

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2948. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-05 21:11:57 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 2940 Message: 2948

On 10/3/2012 21:26, Brian wrote:
> Last weekend I was a bicycle mobile for the first time, a report is
> here:
> http://www.kj6vzv.com/2012/10/02/my-first-time-bicycle-mobile-experience\
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> to move from the HT/antenna in the back pocket setup, over to a bicycle
> mounted antenna.
> I dug out this water bottle seat mount from my parts bin:

Look at the last few issues of the BMHA newsletter for my system which
uses a clamp on rear rack and a set of Aero bars to support the radio
and antenna.
Advantages are ease of seeing the radio, hand fredom and keeping antenna
away from body which also lets you swing leg over bike a bit easyier.
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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 139,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
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http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-5,n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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2949. Re: [BMHA] Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-06 14:13:27 UTC
From: Russell Dwarshuis
Topic: 2940 Message: 2949

Once aluminum gets a crack in it, it quickly spreads. I'd replace it immediately with something a lot beefier.

Russ KB8U

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From: briandesousa <bpdlists@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2012 2:21 AM
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

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2950. Re: [BMHA] Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-07 15:09:14 UTC
From: Scott Laughlin
Topic: 2940 Message: 2950

A small, clean, and round hole at the end of the crack may turn it back on itself.

Scott/n7net - sent from my iPad.

2951. Re: Antenna Mount on Seat Post Water Bottle Bracket

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-09 00:11:42 UTC
From: BrassRat77
Topic: 2940 Message: 2951

Brian:

I have a few pictures (look under KS1G in the Photos area) showing my old set-up; I used a Profile Designs holder and modified a water bottle cage to hold the antenna. The pictures show my older setup which held a stand-alone APRS tracker built around a Byonics unit. For the current version. I bolted a NMO-style flat fender mount to the bottom of the cage, then attached a NMO-base and Larsen HW-1. A dual-band might work too, but I didn't want the poor ground-plane hassels on a carbon frame road bike.

The Profile Design mount cracked after a couple of seasons of use (I think commuting with my 24oz coffee thermos did it in). The replacement failed (cracked at the seat post clamp) after 2 months! I've replaced it with an XLabs Turbo Wing that bolts to the saddle rails instead of the seat post. I haven't tested it yet with the antenna mount, but based on carrying 2 water bottles over 3 century rides, it appears to be better-built than the Profile Designs system.

I think the same mechanical approach (maybe add a brace piece to the seat post but not carrying as much load) could be adapted for a home-brew antenna mount. I'm hoping to give this a try and will post pictures if/when I do.

73
Steve KS1G

2952. Re: Lido LM-1000EXP Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-09 06:23:40 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 1940 Message: 2952

I saw this thread from a few years ago, any updates on how this mount has worked out? I'm thinking of using it to mount my Wouxun HT to the handlebars.

Brian DeSousa
KJ6VZV
Orange, CA

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Tim" <kc9fsh@...> wrote:
>
> I was looking through the latest AES catalog and saw and advertisement for Lido Mounts and noticed that they have one for bikes, the LM-1000EXP. AES has it in stock for $20 but I can't seem to find any additional information on it.
>
> Has anyone in the group used this mount? If so what did you think about it and how securely did it hold the HT in place? Also, does anyone know what type of material this is made out of?
>
> Thanks for any help and 73,
> Tim
> KC9FSH
>

2953. Re: [BMHA] Lido LM-1000EXP Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-09 12:45:03 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1940 Message: 2953

What about a RAM mount used on motorcycles ?

Best,

Bill
w8hi

On Oct 9, 2012, at 2:23 AM, Brian <bpdlists@...> wrote:

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Brian DeSousa
KJ6VZV
Orange, CA

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>
> Thanks for any help and 73,
> Tim
> KC9FSH
>

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2954. Re: Lido LM-1000EXP Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-09 17:01:20 UTC
From: dfventura
Topic: 1940 Message: 2954

I just bought one this past weekend for my recumbent trike. It comes with two gasket strips to adjust for handlebar thickness and protect the metal. The entire device is plastic except for all the hardware (screws) the clamp has a thumbscrew and it has a ball joint with about 20-30 degrees adjustment. The rectangular attachement plate for the HT has two provision placed 180 degrees apart, one will act as a slot-mic clip (will not handle anything thicker than about 1/8 inch) or a slot opening that simulates a belt so that you can slide an HT belt clip or one of those seperate belt clip slot-mic type dealies into. My Yaesu VX6 (with belt clip) fits perfectly into the slot and there is a raised portion inside to simulate other side of a "belt" so it is held firmly.

73, Dave - KE0NA

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2955. KX3 Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-11 17:51:38 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 2955 Message: 2955

Anyone on this group using an Elecraft KX3?

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2956. Re: [BMHA] KX3 Bicycle Mount Questions

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-12 15:14:50 UTC
From: John Beaston
Topic: 2955 Message: 2956

Hello Barry. I have a fairly new KX3 that will be traveling with me while touring.
John K7TY

On Thu, Oct 11, 2012 at 10:51 AM, Barry Bogart <barry_bogart@...>wrote:

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>
> Anyone on this group using an Elecraft KX3?
>
> 72, Barry
> VE7VIE/WV2J
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> [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]
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2957. Kx3

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-12 16:53:45 UTC
From: Arnie Grubbs
Topic: 2957 Message: 2957

Hi Barry,

I have a kx3, and I have been mulling over how it will be mounted on my Sun lwb 'bent. Was hoping that Elecraft would have their mobile mount out soon, and i would use that as a starter for mounting it on the "handle bars".

I guess with the wx turning colder now I can just sit back and think about different mounting schemes and wait for the mobile bracket from elecraft...   Sigh..

I figure right now that I will try to mount it with something that will reduce the shocks to it from road vibrations.. not sure what would be a good material for doing that though.

I am thinking of using two of these clamps from dx engeneering...

http://www.dxengineering.com/parts/dxe-rsb-i03400

to clamp an aluminum strap across the vertical sections of the handles to support what ever i finally come up with to actually hold the radio..

The antenna for the bike will probably be a poor mans outbacker that I am building up from an 80 meter iron horse mobile whip. The design of this antenna is in the bmha archives somewhere..i forget the actual issue it was in..

Ride safe and. 73

Arnie. KA0NCR

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2958. Bicycle Mobile QSO video, PA to St. Helena Island

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-15 12:23:53 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2958 Message: 2958

This was not my first bicycle mobile contact with St. Helena but I managed to video some of this QSO on Saturday. Next time I'll have to try to get someone to video for me because it's a little difficult to ride, talk and hold my iphone up to record! Also need to remember to hold the phone horizontally when recording, this time I held it vertically thus the video is compressed to the center of the screen. I now have 128 countries worked from my bike in the past 2 years or so, all with 50 watts or less and I'm waiting on less than 20 cards to be able to confirm my Bicycle Mobile DXCC.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aht5YLqDrco&sns=em

2959. Re: Bicycle Mobile QSO video, PA to St. Helena Island

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-19 00:33:25 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2958 Message: 2959

WOW!! Congratulations!!!

That is fantastic, a great DX catch from North America.
Great audio in your video too. I hope you get the needed QSL cards soon to confirm your bike mobile DXCC.

73

Rem
K6BBQ

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2960. new K6BBQ video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-19 16:49:51 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2960 Message: 2960

While this isn't a tricycle mobile video, it is an entertaining one, even funny. Last weekend I went to the Pacificon ham radio convention in the San Francisco Bay Area. I did a presentation on my ham radio tricycle mobile station. I also took some time out to interview some hams and ask them a few questions that they've never been asked before. Some of you will recognize some familiar ham faces.

http://youtu.be/69uzHj5Wk1U

Rem
K6BBQ

2961. State based related yahoo group started

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-24 22:22:08 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 2961 Message: 2961

Hello everyone.

I have started a state based BMHA related yahoo group today called:
Bicycle Mobile Hams - Michigan
at:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bmh-m/

I am wanting to get something started for next year's season of bicycle riding in the State of Michigan.

I did bicycle mobile/VHF this past Sunday (October 21, 2012) and did 32 miles based on the GPS in downtwon Detroit. So I did some searching on the Internet Monday morning and found that Michigan has plenty of trails and paths to offer up that could be enjoyed by both Hams and their families that want to bring gear with them.

My goal is to have at least a once a month gathering somewhere in the state and get out and enjoy both hobbies along with scenery. Could even plan a picnic mid-ride or a cookout afterwards even though my preference is for the cookout :)

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James W8ISS

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2962. RE: [BMHA] State based related yahoo group started

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-24 23:07:50 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 2961 Message: 2962

My question is Why? I applaud your efforts for individuality but there is not even enough traffic here to warrant a breakaway. I have done several rides in Mich and around lake superior. I would be interested in Mich bike rally etc stuff but I will not be subscribing to another group. So, please cross post to here or just forget the new group and create more excitement here.

S. Earl Jarosh, N0HZ
Cell: 612.868.1313
Off: 763.545.3275
Home: 763.546.7897
Fax: 763.546.7897
earl@...

-----Original Message-----
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of James French
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 5:22 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] State based related yahoo group started

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2963. Re: State based related yahoo group started

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-24 23:20:11 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2961 Message: 2963

Hey James,
Nice to hear from you again. Enjoyed riding with you at the Dayton BMHA ride a year or two ago.
I agree that BMHA is not that active with traffic already, I'd prefer seeing you guys stay with the national group and keep the current forum alive.
Jim W5AOX
http://aprs.fi/w5aox-2

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2964. Re: [BMHA] State based related yahoo group started

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-25 00:04:19 UTC
From: Al Gritzmacher
Topic: 2961 Message: 2964

The nice thing about Yahoo groups is that it's easy for anyone to create a group.

The bad thing about Yahoo groups is that it's easy for anyone to create a group.

Just because you can doesn't mean you should.

All AE2T

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Sent from my Android phone with K-9 Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

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2966. Re: [BMHA] Re:

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-10-25 11:41:52 UTC
From: arminhachmer
Topic: 2965 Message: 2966

BINGO
If you want it local, a whole state is way too big.
In just a smaller town, use Dunkin Donuts

From: tipledan@...
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 12:58 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re:

Why can't the State based groups be linked inside of our bigger groups?
Donn, KA0SOH

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2972. Dealing with spam messages

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-11-12 14:17:25 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2972 Message: 2972

Our group has been remarkably clean of spam messages -- this is because of our team of dedicated but behind-the-scenes moderators.

This is also why membership is moderated when you join -- to prevent drive-by spamming.

In a recent case, an approved contributor had his/her computer infected by malware that posted messages that they were unaware of.

We apologize for your inconvenience -- that member has been returned to "moderated" status where all posts will be reviewed before they become public.

I have also removed the original message and the series of replies that it triggered.

- Skip AA6WK, one of the moderating team
Skip@...

2973. Re: [BMHA] Dealing with spam messages

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-11-12 21:41:32 UTC
From: Gary D. Schwartz
Topic: 2972 Message: 2973

All good, and kudos to the moderators, but one more thing:

Sometimes, instead of someone's machine being hacked, the web-based mail server they use gets hacked instead. There is nothing on their computer. This happens a lot with gmail, hotmail, yahoomail etc. but quite a few other email domains have a web access. In doing this, the hacker has access to both their address book, and return addresses on their mail on the server, including Yahoo and Google groups.

Best defense is to change your password to a "strong" password (mix up lower case, UPPER case, numbers and special characters, and no dictionary words or common names. Change passwords from time to time, and best practice is to not use the same password on multiple accounts.

This may get you thinking about one of the password storage software utilities, where all of your passwords are stored are stored in one highly encrypted files (obligatory Lord of the Rings reference)

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Gary D. Schwartz Please reply to: gary.schwartz@...

2975. Bicycle Mobile DXCC award

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-11-17 00:32:27 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2975 Message: 2975

Since 2010, I have 132 countries worked from my bicycle mobile station, including some pretty rare DX, all with 50 watts or less. It all started when I worked Dave, G4AKC and saw his QRZ page. I never thought I'd get Australia or Japan from the bike from here in PA. but I recently got both and have even worked Japan several times now from my bike. It's been a lot of fun, even more fun than chasing my first DXCC when I was a new ham over 20 years ago. The best part is that nearly every person I work, near and far, tells me that they never worked a Bicycle Mobile station before. I only need to confirm 12 more to validate my Bicycle Mobile DXCC. My next envelope from the buro might do it and I have sent many cards direct in the past few weeks and they are starting to trickle back in. I'm hoping to have 100 or more confirmed by the end of the year. Do I need to send these cards to someone in the club for a Bicycle Mobile DXCC certificate?

73 de Mike, KF3CD

2976. Bicycle Mobile QSO with ZD7VC on St. Helena

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-11-17 00:37:45 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2976 Message: 2976

Here's a little video I took with my iPhone when I was working ZD7VC. Not my first contact with St. Helena from my bike but he was pretty amazed to find out I was Bicycle Mobile!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aht5YLqDrco

2977. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile DXCC award

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-11-17 02:21:31 UTC
From: arminhachmer
Topic: 2975 Message: 2977

what band? Antenna? ground? mode?

From: Pilotti
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 7:32 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile DXCC award

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2978. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC award

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-11-17 14:45:06 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2975 Message: 2978

Most all contacts are in SSB but I have made a few in CW from the bike in order to work countries I haven't heard yet on SSB. I use hamsticks for 10, 15, 17 and 20 meters, simply mounted to a rack on the back of the bike. I have no special ground and have tuned the antennas for the lowest possible SWR using an MFJ antenna tuner. Hamsticks never cease to amaze me, I can usually hear stations better with a hamstick on the bike, than I can from my home station with my Buckmaster Off Center Fed dipole that is 130+ feet long. I use 7 aH gel cell batteries that I get from the security company we use at work. They regularly rotate these batteries out of alarm panels every 3 or 4 years and the ones they remove from service are like new. I'm able to get several hours of operating from one battery, transmitting at 35 or 50 watts, before needing a recharge. You can see some photos of the setup on my bike on my page on QRZ.com.

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2979. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC award

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2012-11-17 15:05:56 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2975 Message: 2979

Mike,

Great job on DXCC. That is a great accomplishment. Incidentally, I heard you make a contact on 15 meters on Oct 27 with CR2X, with a good signal here in Nebraska.

There is some work going on behind the scenes on the BMHA DXCC award. Not ready to announce yet but hopefully it will be an award that does not require actual cards, but using a log of the contacts. Hopefully soon.

I have an email coming to you off topic also.

Mike, NF0N
BMHA Secretary/Treasurer

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2980. Announcement of the BMHA Forum at Dayton Hamvention 2013

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-01-20 13:56:14 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2980 Message: 2980

Great news, we have been approved for the BMHA Forum at the Dayton Hamvention on May 19th at 9:15. Plans for the BMHA Dayton ride are also being formed. More to follow as plans emerge. Get those miles in !!

2981. Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC award

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-02-13 16:20:25 UTC
From: Pilotti
Topic: 2975 Message: 2981

I received an envelope from the buro on Monday that pushed my total confirmed Bicycle Mobile DXCC contacts to over 100! As of today, 2/13/13, I have worked 134 from the bike and have 101 confirmed. I'm thinking of writing an article for CQ magazine.

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> > 73 de Mike, KF3CD
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2982. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bicycle Mobile DXCC award

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-02-13 16:50:55 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 2975 Message: 2982

Forget thinking about writing the article... DO IT!
Congratulations on a VERY difficult accomplishment.

On Wed, Feb 13, 2013 at 11:20 AM, Pilotti <kf3cd@...> wrote:

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>
> I received an envelope from the buro on Monday that pushed my total
> confirmed Bicycle Mobile DXCC contacts to over 100! As of today, 2/13/13, I
> have worked 134 from the bike and have 101 confirmed. I'm thinking of
> writing an article for CQ magazine.
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> --- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike" wrote:
> >
> > Mike,
> >
> > Great job on DXCC. That is a great accomplishment. Incidentally, I heard
> you make a contact on 15 meters on Oct 27 with CR2X, with a good signal
> here in Nebraska.
> >
> > There is some work going on behind the scenes on the BMHA DXCC award.
> Not ready to announce yet but hopefully it will be an award that does not
> require actual cards, but using a log of the contacts. Hopefully soon.
> >
> > I have an email coming to you off topic also.
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> > Mike, NF0N
> > BMHA Secretary/Treasurer
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2983. (no subject)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-02-17 07:35:53 UTC
From: Bob
Topic: 2983 Message: 2983

http://creativeconstruct.co.nz/eg/tmakozf2xwjexlam8fi16t/1vyeqh9pykga0842qorlbzg.1y

Bob

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2984. Tom Baxter

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-02-22 12:27:58 UTC
From: Tom Baxter
Topic: 2984 Message: 2984

http://chateauwalk.com/gmibhym/9hgfd26yjv3h4b7k3w69rq6v5lm1&zoq1p

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2985. 2013 Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-13 16:36:29 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 2985 Message: 2985

Dayton BMHA 2012 Forum -- The Bike Ride

Date: Saturday May 18, 2013
Time: 1:30 PM at the Creekside Trail (see body of message)
Length: 17 miles

Hello group!

Its that time of year again... the Hamvention is getting close, and
I thought I better get some info out for those who are interested in
taking their rolling hamshacks out for a spin on the trails of Dayton.

This year, we will be doing the ride on The Creekside trail.
Check out the trail on this interactive web site for the location and
how to get there....

http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/miami-valley-bike-trails

It is a 17+ mile trail that ends Xenia. It is a very nice trail.
Paved, with restroom stops with water ever so often. There are places
to eat along the way.. Here is a site with lots of info on the trail...

http://www.metroparks.org/Parks/Eastwood/Maps.aspx

We will start on this trail at the 'north' end of the trail
(green trace on the first link interactive map) gathering at the parking
area just north of the trail around 1:30 PM, and departing on the ride
at 2PM. We will ride south a way, and return on the same trail.
Afterward we can have something to eat in the local area, depending on
what the group decides would be good place. There are several places near
Eastwood Park. The parking area / trail head is just north of the end
of the green trace of the trail on the map.

This is where the trail meets the "Mad river trail", which continues West
into downtown Dayton. We would enter the "Eastwood metro park", to get to
the parking area at the trail head, from "Harshman road",. Going South
on Harshman road from the intersection of highway 4 and Harshman, take
the 2nd road exit going west into the park. Follow the road to the
larger parking area that the road takes a right angle turn to pass thru
the parking lot. This is where we will start from.

Check it out on the Satellite view of the map to get a better idea where
this is.

A few tips...To get to the park, from Hara Arena..

Take Turner road and head east, this is a divided 4 lane road.
After a while the road will be renamed Shoup mill road, and then a little

farther on, renamed again as Needmore road. It will cross I-75.
Keep going east on the 4 lane. it will turn southward, and at highway 201
it will be renamed Harshman road. Where it finally becomes Harshman Road,
it will no longer be a divided road. Continue southward on Harshman.
After you cross under highway 4, Harshman becomes a divided highway again,
and you are just about to the park. Continue south PAST the first road
going west after hiway 4. . At the 2nd road going west, there is a stop light
(at least there was last year..). Turn west and go into the park. Then
follow the road as mentioned before into the parking area at the trail head.
Its as far as you can go into the park without crossing the bridge.

I hope that these instructions and map are clear enough for everyone..

Even so, I will be on 146.55 Mhz simplex (Not .52) for talk in starting
around 1:15 or so. Call KA0NCR if you run into problems finding the place
and need help.

Please drop me an E-mail at KA0NCR at Yahoo.com letting me know you are
planning to attend, and if you don't have a 2 Meter rig, I will e-mail
you my cell phone number. Either way we will be sure to listen for you.

I have placed an order for good weather for the ride, so I hope to see
lots of you there!

73 - Arnie - KA0NCR

2986. Re: 2013 Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-14 11:28:25 UTC
From: Keith A Miller
Topic: 2985 Message: 2986

Arnie,
I will be back again with my trailer hamshack. I may have several of our local club members with me. I'm not sure how many will be there but now it looks like it may be 3 more. During field day my bike mobile rig was on display and used to make 3 15 meter contacts. I now have a larger solar panel on it and a VHF/APRS system that works better than what I had last year.

I will bring some snacks and water again this year.

I am sharing this information with our Goshen Amateur Radio Club on our facebook page.
See you at Dayton.

Keith, KA9RSL

2987. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum - May 19, 2013 - 9:15-11:15

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-15 14:16:29 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2987 Message: 2987

The BMHA forum at the Dayton Hamvention will be May 19 at 9:15 am. I have been able to obtain the original slide show and memorabilia of Hartley Alley, NA0A, founder of BMHA and will be showing both the original slides and showing all of his newspaper articles, pictures and other information at the forum. We are billing this as the 25th anniversary of his ride although it is actually 26 years. Please bring your bicycle display as we have plenty of room in the forum room. We welcome all and any to attend and bring their bicycle. Arn, KA0NCR, is spearheading the BMHA ride again, see other post's for details.

Below is the official announcement that will appear in the Dayton Hamvention Program:

Sunday May 19, 2013 09:15 - 11:15

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (The 23nd Annual BMHA forum at Hamvention)

Moderator: Mike Nickolaus, NF0N

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America got its start in 1989 when a QST article by Hartley Alley, NA0A asked hams who operate their radios while bicycle-mobile to get together and form a group. BMHA hosts a website along with the BMHA Yahoo Groups forum.

Mike Nickolaus ☐ NF0N
25th Anniversary of Hartley Alley, NA0A, ride to his 50th High School Class Reunion. We will be showing his original slide show and newspaper articles from 1987.
Arn Grubbs ☐ KA0NCR
Annual BMHA ride highlights and pictures

We plan to have bicycle mobile displays and demonstrations of each will be conducted.

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

2988. K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-16 21:57:58 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2988 Message: 2988

Hello BMHA people,

Last year I operated tricycle mobile for the South Dakota and Michigan QSO Parties. That footage was recently edited and the video can be seen here -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIyvT2gcD20

I hope you enjoy my ham video.

73

Rem
K6BBQ

2989. Re: [BMHA] K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-16 22:56:02 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 2988 Message: 2989

Watched, enjoyed immensely. Thanks for letting me know.
Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 3/16/2013 4:58:04 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
marinqrp@... writes:

Hello BMHA people,

Last year I operated tricycle mobile for the South Dakota and Michigan QSO Parties. That footage was recently edited and the video can be seen here -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIyvT2gcD20
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIyvT2gcD20)

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K6BBQ

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2990. RE: [BMHA] K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-16 22:20:33 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 2988 Message: 2990

As always REM a fantastic video put together. I will work you someday portable as well from Ontario.

Fred

VE3FAL

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of bbqhamtrike
Sent: March 16, 2013 5:58 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

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2991. Re: [BMHA] K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-17 00:30:49 UTC
From: Ronny Julian
Topic: 2988 Message: 2991

Watched quite a few of these. Can you give some details on the bike, battery, and that wild solar panel? What is the exact model of bike? I'm looking to buy or build a trike this summer.
Ronny
K4RJJ

On Sat, Mar 16, 2013 at 5:57 PM, bbqhamtrike <marinqrp@...> wrote:

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2993. Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-17 16:21:52 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2988 Message: 2993

Thanks for watching everyone.

Ronny, you are the fourth person to ask about the set up in one day. I am going to have to make a video showing the set up. For now though here is some information
Trike - TerraTrike (made in Michigan), battery - 18ah gel cell, solar panel - 10w flexible (10 years old) held onto trike by two grommets that the trike's flagpoles go through into the seat. The 857D control head mount is made by RAM Mount.

Rem
K6BBQ

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2994. Re: [BMHA] Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-18 00:29:42 UTC
From: Ronny Julian
Topic: 2988 Message: 2994

Thanks! Terratrike is on my list. I look forward to the overview video if
you decide to make it.

On Sun, Mar 17, 2013 at 12:21 PM, bbqhamtrike <marinqrp@...> wrote:

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2995. Re: [BMHA] Hot News

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-18 01:10:47 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2995 Message: 2995

On 3/17/2013 10:42 AM, scott laughlin wrote:
> http://chakmaraj.com/mw/spcwr/aypikbnsq
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> [Non-text portions of this message have been removed]
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and that "hot news" is about what?

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Richard Amirault
N1JDU
Boston, MA, USA

2996. Re: [BMHA] Hot News

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-18 01:26:15 UTC
From: Roger Reini
Topic: 2995 Message: 2996

Nothing more than a hack attack, I believe. The original poster may want to reset his e-mail password.

73, Roger, KD8CSE

On Mar 17, 2013, at 9:10 PM, Richard Amirault <ramirault@...> wrote:

> On 3/17/2013 10:42 AM, scott laughlin wrote:
> > [URL Removed - spam]
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> and that "hot news" is about what?
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> Richard Amirault
> N1JDU
> Boston, MA, USA
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2997. Re: [BMHA] Hot News

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-18 01:42:00 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 2995 Message: 2997

Just a reminder, to be safe (yes, most folks have anti-virus .. but they don't catch everything) DO NOT CLICK ON LINKS THAT HAVE NO REASON, OR EXPLANATION OR REASON TO CLICK ON THEM.

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Richard Amirault
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2998. Re: [BMHA] Hot News

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-18 02:36:10 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 2995 Message: 2998

I think that once again, someone has hijacked the website email addresses.

In a message dated 3/17/2013 8:10:48 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
ramirault@... writes:

On 3/17/2013 10:42 AM, scott laughlin wrote:
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2999. The last word on the "hot link"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-18 03:12:27 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 2999 Message: 2999

Yes, it was a compromised email account.
The original message was deleted and the compromised account set on moderation and the owner notified.

Be careful out there.

- Skip AA6WK
one of the forum moderators

To be kind to all of the people who receive message notifications -- there is no need to reply to this message and we'll let this one die in a nice quiet retirement.

3000. Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-18 04:01:02 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 2988 Message: 3000

The YL (KD5SPN) and I ride a Terratrike recumbent tandem and absolutely LOVE IT.
http://jimsabqbicycleblog.blogspot.com/
Jim W5AOX

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3001. Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-19 20:41:22 UTC
From: Manuel
Topic: 2988 Message: 3001

Hello,

Do you have a list of item you need to be on the air?
Do you have any items installed on a two wheel bicycle?

73
Np3il
Manny

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "AOX" <w5aox@...> wrote:
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> The YL (KD5SPN) and I ride a Terratrike recumbent tandem and absolutely LOVE IT.
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3002. Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-20 14:22:16 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2988 Message: 3002

Hi Manny

I don't have a physical list. After I take gear out to the trike I make a run through looking at the trike and how I set everything up and that does the trick. I find I rarely forget anything compared to when going to operate portable.

I don't have a two wheel bicycle so no station to worry about there.

Rem
K6BBQ

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Manuel" <np3il@...> wrote:
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3003. Re: [BMHA] Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-20 16:37:58 UTC
From: Manny Yahoo
Topic: 2988 Message: 3003

I just want to know if my equipment is enough. I have a Yaesu VX8-DR. that is what I use for the bike events that I ride.

For the moment it is working fine, but I am always looking to make it better.

any ideas for a two wheel bike.

I do not have enough mone for another bicycle (trike) eventhough they are cool.

thanks for the fast reply.

Manny
NP3IL

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 20, 2013, at 10:22, "bbqhamtrike" <marinqrp@...> wrote:

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3004. Re: [BMHA] Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-03-20 17:19:27 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 2988 Message: 3004

Well Manny... I guess it all depends on what you want to do.

If you just want to talk on some local repeaters when you go out for a ride or you want to use a bike setup during a public service event... then your Yaesu VX-8DR should be just fine.

I've used my VX-7R on my mountain bike. I've put a rack on the back of my bike and a trunk bag on the rack. In the trunk bag I have a bigger capacity battery pack for the HT. On the rack I've mounted a 6m/2m/70cm tri-band mobile antenna. If I need some extra help on 2m simplex... I've been known to put my Mirage BD-35 dual-band amp into the trunk bag I used 2 pieces of coax in my setup with the 2 pieces connected with a barrel connector in the trunk bag so I could put the amp inline).

There are times in which I put my FT-817 on my bike. When I do that... I replace the band mobile antenna with an Opek HVU-100. This antenna will work on 6m, 2m, and 70cm (not quite as good as my tri-band mobile antenna) and it also has coils for 10m, 15m, 20m, and 40m (and I've cut some longer whips for the 10m and 15m coils so they can be used on 12m and 17m). I've worked quite a few states and some some DX with this setup.

I'm thinking about buying some 4/3AF cells rated at 3800mAh to make up some new battery backs for my bike. Use 30 of them (3 sets of 10 cells in series and then the 3 sets in parallel) for a 11.4Ah battery pack for my Mirage BD-35 amp and then another 20 (2 sets of 10 in series and then the 2 sets in parallel) for a 7.6Ah battery for the radios (the combined weight for both battery packs should be about the same or less than a single 10Ah sealed lead acid battery).

I haven't used my bike setup during any public service event in my area yet... but if need to... then my bike would be all set for it.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Manny Yahoo
Date: 03/20/13 12:38:03
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

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For the moment it is working fine, but I am always looking to make it better

any ideas for a two wheel bike.

I do not have enough mone for another bicycle (trike) eventhough they are cool.

thanks for the fast reply.

Manny
NP3IL

Sent from my iPad

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3005. BMHA Membership ID

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-03 15:24:06 UTC
From: wd9fyf
Topic: 3005 Message: 3005

Hello All!

I have been a member of BMHA for several years, but my memory is slipping.

Do we have some sort of member ID with them?

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

3006. Re: BMHA Membership ID

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-03 16:51:31 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 3005 Message: 3006

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "wd9fyf" <wd9fyf@...> wrote:
>
> Do we have some sort of member ID with them?
>

AA6WK replies:

No, we do not have member IDs (and there are two membership lists).
For this forum (the Yahoo group) there is no record of who-joined-when.

For the original membership list (at http://www.BMHA-Hams.org), the list was alphabetized when I took it over from Harley in late 2000. Since that original alphabetization, new members have been added to the end of that list.

For WD9FYF, he is record number 386 (in a list size of 737).

- Skip AA6WK
Webmaster@...g

3007. Re: [BMHA] Re: BMHA Membership ID

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-03 17:27:24 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3005 Message: 3007

Actually... there IS a record for this Yahoo Group of who joined and when
they joined..

If you go to the group's "home page"... you see things you can click on
on the left (Home, Messages, Files, etc). Click on "Members". When
the list of members of the group comes up... click on the "Joined" column.

You can list members according to when they joined the group... either
newest joined first or oldest joined first. The first person listed for
joining
this group is KE4WMF on Sept 22, 2000 and the last person listed as
joining this group is WB5UEP on April 3, 2013.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Skip
Date: 04/03/13 12:57:05
To: wd9fyf; BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: BMHA Membership ID

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "wd9fyf" <wd9fyf@...> wrote:
>
> Do we have some sort of member ID with them?
>

AA6WK replies:

No, we do not have member IDs (and there are two membership lists).
For this forum (the Yahoo group) there is no record of who-joined-when.

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3008. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Membership ID

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-03 18:31:42 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3005 Message: 3008

Hi Mike,

I didn't see the "Joined," column after I clicked on "BMHA Members List," but I'm hoping I can update my information, specifically the e-mail address and State.

Thanks,

Bill

On Apr 3, 2013, at 1:27 PM, n1evh@... wrote:

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they joined..

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Mike - N1EVH

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From: Skip
Date: 04/03/13 12:57:05
To: wd9fyf; BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Re: BMHA Membership ID

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "wd9fyf" <wd9fyf@...> wrote:
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> Do we have some sort of member ID with them?
>

AA6WK replies:

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3009. Re: BMHA Membership ID

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-03 19:16:08 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 3005 Message: 3009

Just to avoid confusion:

> I didn't see the "Joined," column after I clicked on "BMHA Members List"

Mike was describing the Yahoo group list. I think you are describing the BMHA-Hams.org list. They are separate lists (with many overlapping members).

The BMHA-Hams.org site does not display the date-of-record or sequence information that is in the database.

> I'm hoping I can update my information, specifically the e-mail address and State

This is manually updated. Send me a note (Webmaster@...) and I'll do the edit.

- Skip AA6WK

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Bill <GOBA@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Mike,
>
> I didn't see the "Joined," column after I clicked on "BMHA Members List," but I'm hoping I can update my information, specifically the e-mail address and State.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Bill

3010. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Membership ID

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-04 02:13:37 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3005 Message: 3010

I've been a member since the 1990 year and never got an official number
but I did suggest
that notion to Hartley in May, 1991, at Dayton. So, easy enough to do and
we don't have
overwhelming numbers either way. Why not? Just do it is MY vote.
Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 4/3/2013 10:24:15 A.M. Central Daylight Time,
wd9fyf@... writes:

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Do we have some sort of member ID with them?

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

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3011. BMHA Website now shows "Membership ID"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-04 03:04:36 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 3011 Message: 3011

Okay, team -- I'm convinced.

I made a quick website update and the membership roster at
http://www.BMHA-Hams.org/Content/membership.asp
now shows a "memberID" field.

The definition of memberID is as I outlined earlier -- the original circa-2000 database alphabetized, with subsequent members receiving incremented numbers.

The number is unique to each individual and does not change.

Enjoy the update, and please send me a note if I have broken anything.

- Skip AA6WK
Webmaster@...

3012. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Membership ID

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-04 03:29:34 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3005 Message: 3012

Why add an unnecessary complication? Just another thing to remember. Isn't a call good enough?

Best,
Sonny N1KHB

In a message dated 4/3/2013 10:18:40 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, tipledan@... writes:

I've been a member since the 1990 year and never got an official number but I did suggest
that notion to Hartley in May, 1991, at Dayton. So, easy enough to do and we don't have
overwhelming numbers either way. Why not? Just do it is MY vote.
Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 4/3/2013 10:24:15 A.M. Central Daylight Time, _wd9fyf@..._ (mailto:wd9fyf@...) writes:

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I have been a member of BMHA for several years, but my memory is slipping.

Do we have some sort of member ID with them?

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

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3013. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Membership ID

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-04 04:06:19 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3005 Message: 3013

Sure....cheap and easy. By the way, sure could use QSL card for CT! How
about signing in
on HHH 40m net, 7190 tonight or soon? Starts about 3am your time.
OR, how about 3905 40m club net....usually 7188 or so. Sometimes 7185.
Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 4/3/2013 10:30:38 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
N1KHB@... writes:

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that notion to Hartley in May, 1991, at Dayton. So, easy enough to do and
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overwhelming numbers either way. Why not? Just do it is MY vote.
Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 4/3/2013 10:24:15 A.M. Central Daylight Time,
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3014. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Website now shows "Membership ID"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-04 04:13:33 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3011 Message: 3014

Ok, so where's my number? Just tell me what it is, please.

In a message dated 4/3/2013 10:05:46 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
AA6WK@...g writes:

Okay, team -- I'm convinced.

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(http://www.bmha-hams.org/Content/membership.asp)
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circa-2000 database alphabetized, with subsequent members receiving incremented
numbers.

The number is unique to each individual and does not change.

Enjoy the update, and please send me a note if I have broken anything.

- Skip AA6WK
Webmaster@... (mailto:Webmaster@BMHA-Hams.org)

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3015. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Website now shows "Membership ID"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-04 13:43:47 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3011 Message: 3015

See what I mean about unnecessary complications?

Best,
Sonny N1KHB

In a message dated 4/4/2013 12:13:57 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
tipledan@... writes:

Ok, so where's my number? Just tell me what it is, please.

In a message dated 4/3/2013 10:05:46 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
_AA6WK@..._ (mailto:AA6WK@...) writes:

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- Skip AA6WK
__Webmaster@BMHA-Hams.org_ (mailto:_Webmaster@...) _
(mailto:_Webmaster@BMHA-Hams.org_ (mailto:Webmaster@...))

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3016. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Website now shows "Membership ID"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-05 02:35:55 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3011 Message: 3016

So, where am I listed? Just don't see it anywhere. Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 4/4/2013 8:46:18 A.M. Central Daylight Time,
N1KHB@... writes:

See what I mean about unnecessary complications?

Best,
Sonny N1KHB

In a message dated 4/4/2013 12:13:57 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
tipledan@... (mailto:tipledan@...) writes:

Ok, so where's my number? Just tell me what it is, please.

In a message dated 4/3/2013 10:05:46 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
__AA6WK@..._ (mailto:_AA6WK@...) _
(mailto:_AA6WK@..._ (mailto:AA6WK@BMHA-Hams.org)) writes:

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numbers.

The number is unique to each individual and does not change.

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- Skip AA6WK
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(mailto:__Webmaster@..._ (mailto:_Webmaster@...) _
(mailto:_Webmaster@BMHA-Hams.org_ (mailto:Webmaster@...)))

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3018. Answers: BMHA Website now shows "Membership ID"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-05 03:30:33 UTC
From: Skip
Topic: 3011 Message: 3018

For those who share Donn's question below -- please remember that there are TWO UNRELATED lists. Joining one does not put you on the other.

This Yahoo group was started by a member (bless his soul) as an adjunct discussion forum for the (logistically separate) BMHA that was founded by Hartley Alley NA0A.

The discussion of "membership number" (there really never was one) was related to the "official" BMHA membership list reported on our website http://www.BMHA-Hams.org .

What has recently been made available is the database index (a sequential unique index for each member) for the BMHA list on the website.

So ... to answer Donn's question, he doesn't have a number because he is not in the BMHA list. He is a member of this discussion forum (and valued), but never filled out the application form on the website.

For those interested in the other list, the form is at http://bmha-hams.org/Info/Info-MembershipApplication.htm and you are welcome to send it in and be added as a member.

What does "membership" get you? It puts you into the searchable-by-state member index on the website. It puts you on the distribution list for our next Newsletter -- although we haven't published one in several years and I am not aware of plans to do another until/unless a volunteer steps forward to put one together. Past newsletters are available online at http://bmha-hams.org/Newsletter/NewsletterIndex.asp , which includes the most recent issue (April 2010).

- Skip AA6WK

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, tipledan@... wrote:
>
> So, where am I listed? Just don't see it anywhere. Donn, KA0SOH

3019. Re: [BMHA] Answers: BMHA Website now shows "Membership ID"

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-05 10:52:57 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3019 Message: 3019

Very good answer. Now, for me, do I need to fill out something or not...and, if so, would you
please link me in your next email and I'll take prompt care of getting on the list.
However, that brings me to the next ever-petulant question: My number should be VERY low
due to being a member as far back as 1990, running the HF net several times, actually meeting and
working with Hartley, (1991 and thereafter) and many other instances even during the recent past
decade.
Darn....my printer is currently not working.

In a message dated 4/4/2013 10:30:39 P.M. Central Daylight Time, AA6WK@... writes:

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- Skip AA6WK

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wrote:
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3020. New bicycle flag

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-04-05 19:25:09 UTC
From: Edwin R. Cortes
Topic: 3020 Message: 3020

Hello everyone,

I have been looking for a while for a vendor that can do a custom flag for my toad. Recently I found and ordered one from Dennis at Bike Flags USA. His website is http://www.bikeflagsusa.com/. I have no relationship with his business just a happy customer. The flag has the ARRL logo and callsign in both sides of the flag. Please look on the second page of my photo album for two pictures of the flag.

Regards,

Ed

K4BQN

3021. Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum - May 19, 2013 - 9:15-11:15 Reminder

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-02 15:19:18 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 3021 Message: 3021

Only a few weeks to the Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum

Sunday May 19, 2013 09:15 - 11:15

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (The 23nd Annual BMHA forum at Hamvention)

Moderator: Mike Nickolaus, NF0N

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America got its start in 1989 when a QST article by Hartley Alley, NA0A asked hams who operate their radios while bicycle-mobile to get together and form a group. BMHA hosts a website along with the BMHA Yahoo Groups forum.

Mike Nickolaus ☐ NF0N
25th Anniversary of Hartley Alley, NA0A, ride to his 50th High School Class Reunion. We will be showing his original slide show, newspaper articles and his notes from planning to completion of his trip in 1987.

Arn Grubbs ☐ KA0NCR
Annual BMHA ride highlights and pictures

We encourage anyone to bring their bicycle mobile displays, our forum room is large and can hold any display you wish to bring.

The BMHA ride is again on Saturday May 18th.

We will have complimentary copies of Adventure Cycling magazine along with a number of complimentary vouchers for membership.

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

3022. trike on the railroad, making QSOs

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-04 04:33:36 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 3022 Message: 3022

This wasn't my tricycle mobile day of operating but I was parked on a long disused railway in town and making contacts for last Saturday's QRP To The Field event.

http://youtu.be/LQHdHd_zbTA

73

Rem
K6BBQ

3023. Re: K6BBQ tricycle mobile video

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-04 14:11:27 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2988 Message: 3023

I've got that video on my to do list. I am going trike mobile today for the 7th Call Area QSO Party and am taking along the camera to shoot video.

73,

Rem
K6BBQ

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Ronny Julian <k4rjjradio@...> wrote:
>
> Thanks! Terratrike is on my list. I look forward to the overview video if
> you decide to make it.

3024. Re: Dayton Hamvention BMHA Forum - May 19, 2013 - 9:15-11:15 Reminder

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-08 19:42:10 UTC
From: wc4xned
Topic: 3021 Message: 3024

Hi Mike,

I will not make Dayton this year and miss all the good stuff at our forum. Have a good one! Oh---TNX for the contact in the Ga. QSO party a few weeks ago.

73's
Ned
WC4X

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "Mike" <nf0n@...> wrote:
>
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>
> Sunday May 19, 2013 09:15 - 11:15
>
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> Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
> BMHA Forum Moderator
>

3025. BMHA Hamvention bike ride - 2013..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-11 04:56:33 UTC
From: vhuntertdi
Topic: 3025 Message: 3025

Hi Group,

Well, its about a week away.. so I thought that I would put out
another reminder about the BMHA Saturday afternoon bike ride.

Here is a link to the info on the BMHA web site...

http://bmha-hams.com/Timely/Dayton2013.htm

Other than having my name spelled wrong, its got all the good info.

I have ordered good weather for the day, so I hope that the weather man delivers.. And that we have a good turn out again this year.
This year its about 1/2 hour later start time than last year..

I am not sure which bike I will be running this year, as it has been cold and rainy here most of "spring" so I don't have much for miles.
Will either be running my little folding bike again this year, or will
bring the LWB recumbent. The latter would be better on my
un-prepaired seat-system!

Hope to see you there!

73- Arnie KA0NCR

3026. Re: BMHA Hamvention bike ride - 2013..

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-14 14:19:38 UTC
From: ka9rsl
Topic: 3025 Message: 3026

I won't be bringing the Salsa with the bob trailer and HF rig this year. Used that bike last weekend for the Bear 100 gravel road race in Wisconsin last Saturday and need to clean it up good and work on the derailleurs. By the end of the race it was a single speed bike. Got home yesterday and don't have time to do the service before leaving for Dayton on Thursday. This year I will be using the Specialized Secteur and have the VX8G for VHF/UHF and APRS.

Keith
KA9RSL

3027. Dayton plans

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-14 14:26:16 UTC
From: ka9rsl
Topic: 3027 Message: 3027

I will be arriving in Dayton Thursday morning and plan to do some riding north toward Troy if anyone would like to join me.

I won't be bringing the Salsa with the bob trailer and HF this year. I used that bike for the Bear 100 gravel road race in Laona, WI last Saturday. With the rain, snow, sleet, mud and cold it was a single speed by the end of the race. Got home yesterday and don't have time to service it before leaving Thursday.

I will be riding the Specialized Secteur this year. Will have the VX8GR on it for VHF/UHF and APRS.

Keith
KA9RSL

3028. Interesting project

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-16 12:49:03 UTC
From: Wayne Dillon
Topic: 3028 Message: 3028

I thought this may be of interest to the members. I have no interest in the supplier other than being a customer. Just passing along an interesting tidbit.
72/3 es God Bless de Wayne - KC0PMH
http://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?search_type=jamecoall&catalogId=10001&freeText=bicycle+turn+indicator&langId=-1&productId=2169117&storeId=10001&ddkey=http:StoreCatalogDrillDownView

--
http://www.qsl.net/kc0pmh/ Under construction but please visit anyway.
**
QRP - *EFFICIENCY AND SKILL, NOT POWER.*

I'm British by birth but American by CHOICE!

Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owe a debt we cannot pay...

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up his contenance upon you and give you peace.

God Bless from Wayne Dillon - KC0PMH

Joshua 24:14-15
2 Cor 5:17
1 Jn 2:17

http://www.4sqrp.com/index.php

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4SQRP #95
FPQRP #342 (Flying Pigs QRP Club)
G-QRP-C #11504
NAQCC # 0759
QRP-ARCI #11505
SKCC #1155C
SOC #848
30MDG#1176
NEQRP #693
GORC #192

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3029. Godly foot notes

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-16 14:11:14 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 3029 Message: 3029

[editing in this paragraph provided by a forum moderator. Point taken and agreed. Let's not let this thread add additional angst to this BICYCLE+HAM group. Please do not reply or post follow-ups. End of moderator edits -- the original message is below]

I am getting real fed up with these godly foot notes at the botton of posting so I have ask one member to never email me again, if this member cannot live without this at the bottom of his postings then I think he must be a very sad person, this is not a platform for this type of thing this is a radio related group. Very Upset Mike.

3032. Re: [BMHA] Interesting project

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-16 20:42:50 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3028 Message: 3032

Not to rain on anyone's parade, but units that are already built and made in nice sleek cases without the clunky "kit" look are available at similar prices at Wallyworld and elsewhere.

Best,
Sonny N1KHB

In a message dated 5/16/2013 9:23:13 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, wayne.dillon@gmail.com writes:

I thought this may be of interest to the members. I have no interest in the supplier other than being a customer. Just passing along an interesting tidbit.
72/3 es God Bless de Wayne - KC0PMH
http://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?search_type=jamecoall&catalogId=10001&freeText=bicycle+turn+indicator&langId=-1&productId=2169117&storeId=10001&ddkey=http:StoreCatalogDrillDownView

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http://www.qsl.net/kc0pmh/ Under construction but please visit anyway.
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QRP - *EFFICIENCY AND SKILL, NOT POWER.*

I'm British by birth but American by CHOICE!

Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owe a debt we cannot pay...

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up his contenance upon you and give you peace.

God Bless from Wayne Dillon - KC0PMH

Joshua 24:14-15
2 Cor 5:17
1 Jn 2:17

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3033. Sailors in Oklahoma needing assistance

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-21 23:18:41 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3033 Message: 3033

Just got the following from a fellow past TACAMO squadron member. Strategic Communications Wing One is made up in part by the two former VQ squadrons .If you can help please contact them directly. I'm just passing this along.
Thanks you

"Strategic Communications Wing One - Anyone would like to "adopt" a Tinker family who has been directly affected by the tornadoes by offering temporary shelter in their home, please contact the EFAC(405) 739-2747 and provide them with the volunteer's name, the number of family members they can accommodate and the length of time they will be willing to offer the assistance."

Jim

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3034. ATU - AMU for bike mobile.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-26 13:09:37 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 3034 Message: 3034

Inasmuch as I have a Yaesu FC 700 antenna tuner and seen a pix of a guy in Ozland using this what a lump it is, can any member please give me an idea as to what is the most used cheap small light weight tuner that's not going to cost me megger bucks as I note some are almost the cost of the transceiver, I have looked at MFJ and there costly, anything under $75-100 or £60.00. I am sorry to say not into make it yourself wish I was. Mike M3EM B

3035. Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-27 15:42:47 UTC
From: teoboyle
Topic: 3035 Message: 3035

I'm new to the group and wanted to find out if anyone is running a Tadpole Trike (any brand)?

I am contemplating purchasing one and would like to see how you adapted VHF/UHF and/or HF radios to the trike.

73 de Tom, N9GUN

3036. Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-28 02:14:40 UTC
From: ruko2001
Topic: 3035 Message: 3036

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "teoboyle" <teoboyle@...> wrote:
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>
/like your call.

3037. Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-28 08:36:12 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 3035 Message: 3037

Seeing as no one has come back to you I might just as well, if your trike has a back carry platform put everything on it such as batteries and a mag mount, make a good ground to the frame, if using a radio with a head unit make up a plate to hold it across the handdel bars, you could have a headset with VOX or a PTT to hand, do not wear a head set your never hear that 30 foot lorry coming up behind you, try a 2m handy and see how that works out go to the highest point where you live. Good Luck. Mike M3EMB.

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "ruko2001" <ruko2001@...> wrote:
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> /like your call.
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3038. Re: [BMHA] Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-28 13:01:37 UTC
From: aa9il@...
Topic: 3035 Message: 3038

I have a Sun EZ Tadpole. Its a good street cruizer. As far as rig location goes (which I have not done yet beyond carrying a 2m HT...) the back of the mesh seat would be a good location for a small rig (ie an 817).
Id be curious to hear from others though about the antenna.
73 de Mike
AA9IL

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3039. Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-28 13:48:44 UTC
From: Edwin R. Cortes
Topic: 3035 Message: 3039

Hello Tom,

My call is K4BQN, please take a look at the Photos section under my callsign and you will see my old setup. I am in the process of setting up a new configurations, since I have a KX3 now. I normally carry an HF QRP and Handheld on my trike. I setup the antennas in the back rack and so far has worket fro me. Also look at K6BBQ I believe is his callsign in Youtube he has done a lot of operatting from his tadpole.

Best of luck and if you have any questions feel free to contact me off line at K4BQN dot ATTL dot net.

Regards,

ED

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>

3040. Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-28 14:36:35 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 3035 Message: 3040

Tom,

I just saw this thread, I get the daily digest. I use a RAM Mount system (ball mount that connects to the left outrigger/arm of the trike) and a gooseneck that connects. Connected to that I use RAM Mounts Icom 7-06 mounting plate that I attached velcro to so I can hold the mobile mount for the FT-857 that I use. That means I also have the whole mobile kit for the 857 with the longer mic and remote head cords. The 857 sits in a back pannier as does the battery. I use a solar panel to help top off the battery. The Buddistick antenna is mounted on an aluminum plate at the back of the bike rack.
If you want to see what it looks like search my videos for tricycle mobile and you will see some shots of what this set up looks like.
I am not on VHF, just an HF antenna.

Please share your pictures or videos when you get your system up and running.

73

Rem
K6BBQ
BBQ Ham Radio

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3041. Re: ATU - AMU for bike mobile.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-28 13:45:48 UTC
From: vectorizer
Topic: 3034 Message: 3041

Me too; I'd also like to get this advice since most any bike antenna is going to be a compromise and a tuner should help a lot, but only if it's small and light. Just looking for something that will handle QRP (<5 watts).

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, "michaelrae65" <michaelrae65@...> wrote:
>
> can any member please give me an idea as to what is the most used cheap small light weight tuner

3042. Re: [BMHA] Re: ATU - AMU for bike mobile.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-28 16:59:49 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3034 Message: 3042

And so we all wait my friend!!!! in the meantime here are a few that I have found from MFJ what I do not like about them is there mostly crossed needle types the numbers are 901B - 902B - 902H - 904 - 904H - 941E - 945E most of these look to be the size as in long - deep and wide as my Yeasu FC 700, what I am myself looking for is a ATU without a needle window as I have the pocket size WELZ swr-pwr meter. I think I have seen a gold looking MFJ but I have forgotten the number, surely there must be other pocket size ATU other than MFJ ones, I think we need a maker man open to make some money don't you. Mike M3EMB.

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> From: vectorizer <kobak@...>
>To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2013, 14:45
>Subject: [BMHA] Re: ATU - AMU for bike mobile.
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3043. The most used MFJ - ATU

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-28 19:10:07 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 3043 Message: 3043

It would seem from the web that the MFJ 949E is the most used ATU, there s also a link to a few nice mods like getting a better tune up on 1.8 as at present the 949E can't quite make it.
The MFJ 971E is quite small about parm size, not sure how well it loads on 1.8
A close third MFJ tuner is the 945E can it get to 1.8 MHz.
Other brands there is the very small Emtech it came on the KIT marker as the ZM-1 it would seem the ZM-4 has many improvments making the ZM-1 a VERY cheap buy with you making your own mods.
So there you go I did your with out me moaning as ha been directed towards me in other groups and the reason why I left those groups, words like can you not do a Google or is your PC working. Mike M3EMB.

3044. Re: [BMHA] Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-29 04:48:55 UTC
From: Tom O'Boyle
Topic: 3035 Message: 3044

Thanks Mike. Curious if there is an organized Ham group ride in the Chicago area that gets together. Let me know. I'm in Schaumburg.

73 de Tom, N9GUN

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

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3045. Re: [BMHA] Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-29 04:52:13 UTC
From: Tom O'Boyle
Topic: 3035 Message: 3045

Thanks Rem. I saw your videos. Excellent work. I will share once I get setup.

73 de Tom

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

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3046. Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-29 21:33:31 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3035 Message: 3046

As for the headset idea. I use a boom mic headset with all my mobile and Bicycle mobile installations. The headset is designed to cover only one ear allowing me to hear the traffic around me. My PTT switch is tie wrapped to the handlebars allowing me to use it with my thumb. My hands do not have to leave the handlebars. It is both a monetary and a lock on PTT switch. Additionally the earpiece allows me to hear the radio much better than a speaker.
Good Luck
73
Jim
W1RO
NNN0ZKQ
NutritionalSuccessTrain.isagenix.com

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3047. Re: Tadpole Trikes and Ham Radio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-05-29 21:54:38 UTC
From: n1rwy
Topic: 3035 Message: 3047

These are all great points.

Having traveled thousands of miles on my long wheelbase RANS recumbent (as well as the entire east coast trip from Canada to Key West Florida), a setup similar to below is what I ended up with as well.

Hand mics are way to dangerous on a bike if you hold them.
Why, they take your hand off the steering bars, and if you drop it (in the case of an emergency turn or brake) the darn mic and cable can get caught up in the chain or tire. I know this from experience. Having a HT come flying off a clip mount on the handlebar towards your face as the speaker mic cord is getting stretched and wrapped around your rear wheel.. not fun.

Keep the PTT mounted on the handlebars and it is one less thing to have to think or worry about.

A speaker is nice, but hard to hear over about 14 MPH with the wind noise, and impossible to hear when in traffic. One ear (I went with the right ear, so I could hear traffic with the left) is a good compromise.

A boom mic off the one ear will is good, again when traveling under about 14 mph. Over that speed, the wind plays havoc on the mic element, unless you add a ton of foam to it to cut down on the noise.

Hamming is fun, cycling is great fun. Crashing from trying to do both, not so much fun.

Stay safe out there all!

Jay N1RWY now living in 7 land, where one can bike ALL the time!

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Jim Bassett <W1RO@...> wrote:
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> Good Luck
> 73
> Jim
> W1RO

3048. Kite Antenna.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-01 11:09:43 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 3048 Message: 3048

Went for a walk in my local park The Prom in Maldon Essex UK, and saw a car and and guy flying a kite so went over, he was working top band from a home brewed tx in AM, it would seem he is a member of the Dengie Hundrad yes spelt that way, so do we have any kite flyers in this group if so are you on Top Band or any other band in what mode.

3049. Re: Kites

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-01 22:34:59 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3049 Message: 3049

I have used a 6 foot Delta to lift 148 feet of Gibson Girl woven bronze wire. I connected it to a TenTec Argonaut II and worked several stations on 40 meters. Don't use it often however, if I go camping the kite and antenna do go with me. A 50 ohm bleeder resistor from the antenna to ground keeps helps with the static electricity.
73
Jim
W1RO
NNN0ZKQ

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3050. Re: [BMHA] Re: Kites

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-01 23:44:25 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3049 Message: 3050

Hi Jim,
50 ohms? Why so low? I usually think in terms of 100's of K - possibly higher for bleeder use.

Sonny N1KHB

In a message dated 6/1/2013 6:35:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, W1RO@... writes:

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3051. Re: [BMHA] Kite Antenna.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-02 02:47:10 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 3048 Message: 3051

On 6/1/2013 7:09 AM, michaelrae65 wrote:
(snip)
"... so do we have any kite flyers in this group if so are you on Top Band or any other band in what mode."

Yes, I have hundreds of kites ... No, I am not on Top Band ... I am on several bands but not with any kite.

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Richard Amirault
N1JDU
Boston, MA, USA

3052. Re: [BMHA] Kite Antenna.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-02 05:51:18 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3048 Message: 3052

Hi Richard. 100s of kites!!! but not used in radio, nice to her from you via this means.
Mike M3EMB

>_____
> From: Richard Amirault <ramirault@...>
>To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>Sent: Sunday, 2 June 2013, 3:47
>Subject: Re: [BMHA] Kite Antenna.
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>On 6/1/2013 7:09 AM, michaelrae65 wrote:
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>Richard Amirault
>N1JDU
>Boston, MA, USA
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3053. Re: [BMHA] Re: Kites

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-02 05:52:31 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3049 Message: 3053

Hi Jim. Where can I get that wire. Mike M3EMB.

>_____
> From: Jim Bassett <W1RO@...>
>To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>Sent: Saturday, 1 June 2013, 23:34
>Subject: [BMHA] Re: Kites
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3054. RE Kites

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-02 16:15:18 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3054 Message: 3054

I used 50 ohm resistor because that is what I had in my junk box at the time.

The Gibson Girl wire I got from an Army Navy surplus store. They had sold the radio and the extra spool somehow got left behind so they sold it to me. Otherwise you might try ebay or a speciality wire store. The wire is a bronze weave around a nylon string. The main concern is the strength of the wire for the wind conditions you intend to operate in. This particular wire was designed light weight as it was dual purpose. When the wind was over 13 MPH they connected it to a Box Kite. Under 13 MPH they used a balloon to lift the wire. The radio also had 10 feet of wire attached that was dropped into the ocean for the ground/earth connection. You can search the internet and see the particular on the Gibson Girl Emergency Radio.

I tried a box kite in moderate wind condition and it stayed very low to the ground. The Delta kite in the same wind conditions took the wire almost vertical. Unlike others, I do not use the antenna wire as the Kite control string. I use the appropriate strength kite string for the kite in use. This does require the kite to life a little heavier load. This is done due to the age of the antenna wire. I believe the wire I have is left over from WWII. I have not tried the kite that Marconi used however when I do I think I might have to use a 9 foot model at the very least.

A group of ham made a pair of Sled kites out of a plastic type material that is used to wrap around the basements of house when they are built to keep out moisture. I think it is call Tyvex or Tivex. They made the two kites 9 feet wide. Used extremely strong kite control lines. The reason they used 2 kites is each one held up the opposite end of a full side dipole for 160 meters fed with ladder line. There should be an article somewhere on the internet about this Field Day 160 antenna.

Good Luck
73
Jim
W1RO

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3055. Re: [BMHA] RE Kites

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-02 17:12:46 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3054 Message: 3055

Hi Jim. Yes I have now seen the yellow radio and read of two 13 years olds being found by the FCC after sending CW to one another, there set way back in 1952 was $3 now they want $200 phew ok about the wire I will look into that, just joined a group of 8 here on top band with my flat top end fed of 120 feet I was very welcomed and worked in AM and LSB so I am now hooked on kites and top band. Mike.

>_____
> From: Jim Bassett <W1RO@...>
>To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
>Sent: Sunday, 2 June 2013, 17:15
>Subject: [BMHA] RE Kites
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3056. What use is a handheld.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-17 07:57:51 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 3056 Message: 3056

I have a old Yaesu Ft 727R I keep thinking I will part with it as what use is it, it works!!!!! on 2m and 70cms great on rx but txing with it is useless, the rubber ducks I have 3 just do not go very far even on 5 watts, I want for a test walk at my new location near the river blackwater here in Maldon Essex in the uk, there is sea water there, I could hear two guys on 2m and called and called for over 30 mins never got heard as I changed from one rubber duck to the next, I want the the highest spot here in Maldon and the guys were still on and coming in 4 points on the bar S indicator down at the rivers edge there were 3 bars, I gave a call no response, so I am thinking handhelds only good for across a hamfest field, I do see them in cars with the mag mount on top is this how you should use a handheld if so its not in your hand is it, as in a caR ONE WOULD PUT A IN CAR UNIT, SO WHAT USE IS A HANDHELD, WHAT DO I NEED TO GET HEARD AS IT IS, AS A HANDHELD, IS IT ONLY TO BE USED HITTING REPEATORS, IF SO WHY HAS IT GOT SIMPLEX. mike m3emb England.,

3057. Re: What use is a handheld.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-17 13:06:15 UTC
From: AOX
Topic: 3056 Message: 3057

You hit the nail on the head.... handhelds are best used for across-the-parking-lot QSO's though they are BETTER THAN NOTHING wheen you are on foot, on bicycle, etc.
Even hitting repeaters with handhelds is not easy in today's world where most repeaters are located close to other transmitters, with lots of desense overpowering the weaker signals.
I use handhelds both hiking and biking, and have good luck with them.
The rubber duck is THE problem with a handheld. If the antenna was large enough to be useful you would be whacking everything and everybody with it as you or they passed by. I use bicycle flag poles as "J Pole" antennas for both 144 and 440 MHz, but even with the tall J pole I have learned that few will hear me on simplex. I still give them a call anyway, and on the rare occasion that someone hears and answers me I know they are either (1) very close to me or (2) have superior stations or (3) don't set their squelch so tight weaker stations cannot be heard.

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3058. Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-17 17:48:57 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2059 Message: 3058

What's everybody up to on Field Day this year?
Taking the IC 706 out this year again for some 100W bike mobile. Get some Qs and log a few miles on the bike. My usual antenna is a 102" spring mounted whip along with an AH-4 tuner. Setup doesn't work so good on 75 sooooo ... added a Texas Bug Catcher for this year's FD. Makes things a little off balance while in motion. With a 4' mast, the big 480 coil and the 102" whip of the top I'm afraid the torque on the 3/8 x 24 core will snap it off. Probably just park it on the patio at night fall and work stationary.
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3059. Re: [BMHA] What use is a handheld.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-17 23:00:11 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3056 Message: 3059

Hi Mike,
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In a message dated 6/17/2013 3:57:52 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, michaelrae65@... writes:

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3060. Re: [BMHA] Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 00:24:32 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 2059 Message: 3060

ROFL. My "wench" has advised me I will do my ride right here in the yard
on a Lawn Mower
.....all summer long.
Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 6/17/2013 12:48:59 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
ronbaran@... writes:

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3061. Re: [BMHA] What use is a handheld.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 00:52:17 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3056 Message: 3061

Well, the thing is this...you may not have been heard at all. Hand-held radios are usually limited in
power output to about 5 wts. That only means you benefit with repeaters as an in between machine
that amplifies the low wattage of the handie-talkie and increases the effective range of the HT.
You did the right thing in trying to get some elevation for your HT but that's not a guarantee.
The rule is usually stated as "line of sight antenna". Also, if you're not TXing the correct control signal
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Sea water, fresh water, dish water, well water....not significant in your situation receive or transmit.
Bar indicator, meaningless. What means something is the ears on your head...you heard them, they apparently didn't hear you. Its always possible they were busy and didn't hear you or ignored you for whatever reason.
The best use I have ever found for a hand-held is to keep on in the car with its charger and do a lot
of listening...in other words, HT's are terrific for SHF Days and almost pointless for much else.
HTs' have great sensitivity and perfect for listening but not good for TX long VHF/UHF distances.
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3062. Re: [BMHA] What use is a handheld. - the band matters.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 05:43:04 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3056 Message: 3062

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3063. Re: [BMHA] What use is a handheld. - the band matters.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 05:46:04 UTC
From: Shirley Márquez Dúlcey
Topic: 3056 Message: 3063

Something to remember is that the rubber duckies that come with handhelds are often useless, especially the ones with dual and multi-band radios. You will get much better results with a replacement antenna from a good maker such as Diamond.

On Tue, Jun 18, 2013 at 1:43 AM, Michael in Essex <michaelrae65@...>wrote:

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3064. Re: [BMHA] What use is a handheld.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 05:54:47 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3056 Message: 3064

Hi Don. All points covered, the thing that gets me and I am sure all buyers is the cost of there things we must have one, no wonder we are seeing imports from China its the way to go, as why would you want to spend {in $s and I maybe way out as I use sterling or euros} $150 or more when you can get a great LISTENING unit so called 2m handy for $75 or even less, all my other postings say a lot as well, seems I have woken the handy must havers up here LOL, there USELESS there only good for foot leg mobile into a re-transmitter if you can reach it. M3EMB.

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> From: "tipledan@..." <tipledan@...>
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>Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2013, 1:52
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3065. Re: [BMHA] What use is a handheld. - the band matters.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 05:59:13 UTC
From: Ronny Julian
Topic: 3056 Message: 3065

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Date: 2013-06-18 06:28:05 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3056 Message: 3066

Hi Ronny. I have used that idea a rat tail or the other half on the supplied rubber duck of about 24 inches it did very little for me, but not on the 56 inch one worth a try.
 How much time one spends in charging a battery pack only to have one watt going out, in that write up, or less as can be in the real world what a rip off.
Some buy a handy to be used as a semi base station, some even stick 40 or so watts on its output now that's great and if like the Yeasu FT 727R it has the tone board in it {a lot do not} and your other base station has no tone system then it become a good unit.
One could use the above in a back pack but as I said I have never heard or seen in any mags anyone doing that on a SOTA day. So our eyes are being opened here thanks to you all, and so how many handheld do YOU own and was it worth the money. Mike M3EMB.

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3067. Re: What use is a handheld. - the band matters.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 13:03:39 UTC
From: klgray@rogers.com
Topic: 3056 Message: 3067

Around here, we refer to Rubber Duckie antennas as "rubber dummy loads". I almost always replace the antenna that comes with the radio with a third party antenna with better performance. The antenna that came with my radio had a gain of 0dBi. Electrically, it was a shortened quarter wavelength antenna with no ground plane. The antenna I use now is still a shortened antenna, but at least now it's a half wave antenna, so the lack of a ground plane doesn't matter.
Most of the time, the radio sits in the handlebar mount on my bicycle, and feeds a mobile whip mounted on the rear carrier. I'm getting usable ranges of 5-10km when working a mobile station directly, and double that if I'm going through one of the local repeaters.
Kelly Gray VE3VGP

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3068. Re: What use is a handheld

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 13:48:30 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3068 Message: 3068

There are lots of factors on this subject. Many have already been covered. I've had the good fortune to use handhelds from aircraft, ships at sea, bicycle mobile, automobile mobile, from my home and on mountain tops.

Aeronautical mobile was more than adequate (and lots of fun). I once brought up a dozen repeaters with 1 watt from 25,000 feet.

Maritime Mobile at sea it was perfect to hit a repeater 50 miles away to get help for an injured crew member. Line of sight...nothing in the way

Mobile from my car I used the duck inside with less than good results as expected. I've used a window clip and put the rubber duck just outside the car with good results. Lastly connected it to either a 1/4 or 5/8 wave magnetic mount or permanent mount with better results.

Bicycle mobile I use a 1/4 wave vertical on the rear rack and with just that little improvement in antenna and I can hit most of the repeaters within 30 miles. Some better than others. I've also mounted the 80 inch Hustler Collinear on the rack with great results. It even make the bus drivers move over a lane when passing me. Recently I was the bicycle unit at a foot race in the downtown area where we all operated with rubber ducks on a close in repeater.

My last job I was a technician and got to travel to many of the mountain top and hotel repeater sites. I found that the repeaters I had a difficult time communicating with were installed in sites that were less than optimal. Site that were overloaded with towers and antenna. One site had over 100 antennas mounted on the roof of a building at the same level. Also different sites used different radios. Some were more sensitive than others. We have a repeater in town that is real sensitive and works really well for those on rubber ducks. Another repeater located with about the same amount of exposure to the city is almost useless for rubber ducks to access. Depend on the quality of the equipment and the technician installing/adjusting it.

The limitations of the rubber duck are a factor so is the repeater system you attempt to access. The terrain surrounded you can limit you drastically. In Viet Nam radio operators learned the difference when communicating under dry and wet jungle conditions. RF absorption in the jungle created massive problems.

Simplex operations are of course more restrictive. Although 25,000 feet above the earth in an airplane 146.52 MHz can be a lot of fun. I have worked over 1000 miles during an incident of thermal ducting. In my area of the USA simplex is go up to 15 miles. When I go to visit my parents back east it is good for 3 to 5 miles depending on what part of town I'm in during the transmission. I have a second antenna that is sometimes used in place of the rubber duck and it is a telescoping 1/2 wave. The improvements with just that antenna are very obvious.

Know the limitation of ones equipment allows for less frustration in the field.

Good Luck,
73
Jim
W1RO

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3069. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 13:53:00 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 2059 Message: 3069

One of our field day sites is in a city park, NO tents, NO wench, and NO alcohol allowed. In the desert we don't need tent as we don't have any bugs to bother us at 100+ degrees F. hi hi
The 2nd site is on the side of a mountain an I'll go check that one out this year. It is reported they have better food. HI HI . ...
I'll be operating either a 3A or 4A station.
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3070. Re: What use is a handheld.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 13:43:09 UTC
From: gardenglen
Topic: 3056 Message: 3070

Mike,

I have a thin flexible antenna (similar to the MFJ Superflex http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-1715) that I built homebrew. I tested my antenna using my HT and hit a repeater 70 miles (about 112 km) using 100mw. My son and wife both use the same antennas to communicate in our Utah mountains when he hikes. They could successfully QSO at distances of 20 miles (32 km) using 5w power. Non-hams were very surprised at their communication success and often asked questions about the radios and what was needed to obtain one. (It was EXCELLENT ham PR.) My homebrew antenna was made with a single stiff wire (cut to about 19.25 inches or 49 cm) that was soldered into a BNC connector. I covered the wire with shrink wrap to prevent rust. (We all still use these antennas each time we take out or HTs.)

Good luck,

Glen

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3071. Re: [BMHA] Re: What use is a handheld.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 16:53:04 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3056 Message: 3071

Hi Glen. Yes you can home brew just get that bottom section like you did and solder on that 19.25 inches bit of wire to the central pin {on the BNC plug} I have done this and also used heat shrink but I have no mountains here LOL and that would work that is why repetors are up at a high stop looking down at us that want to use a handy the way to go. 73s Michael - Mike.

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3072. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 17:53:56 UTC
From: bbqhamtrike
Topic: 2059 Message: 3072

Ron,

You are going big with doing 100 miles and those antennas! I thought an ATAS-120 was heavy, I can't imagine a Texas bugcatcher. Well you will pull in the signals and get your signal out. Great setup although it does sound heavy. Best of luck, I know you will do well.

You are the reason I started doing trike mobile for field day. I will be tricycle mobile again but only during the daytime Saturday, no 40 meters and no 75/80. I don't think I will get 10 miles in and less than 50 QSOs. It will be fun though.

What's different this year for me is I will be visiting the county ham club and camping there which is at one end of the bike trail I operate from. Camped there before, great views North of the bay and usually a good breeze late day. That way I can catch up with some people I haven't seen, sit around have dinner, talk and watch them operate their stations - three towers with Steppir beams.

Everyone have a fun field day wherever you are,

Rem
K6BBQ

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Ron Baran <ronbaran@...> wrote:
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My usual antenna is a 102" spring mounted whip along with an AH-4 tuner. Setup doesn't work so good on 75 sooooo ... added a Texas Bug Catcher for this year's FD.

With a 4' mast, the big 480 coil and the 102" whip of the top I'm afraid the torque on the 3/8 x 24 core will snap it off. Probably just park it on the patio at night fall and work stationary.
> Goal this year in 1C is 300 Qs and 100 miles - same as the last 12 years
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3073. RE: [BMHA] What use is a handheld. - the band matters.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 19:41:42 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 3056 Message: 3073

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Date: 2013-06-18 20:50:22 UTC
From: Michael in Essex
Topic: 3056 Message: 3074

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>>power you think is 5 watts actually is. Handhelds are typically good
>>for multiple miles/kilometers especially on 2 meters depending on
>>terrain with a decent antenna. Some investigation of either of the two
>>issues which I described will very likely find fault with at least one
>>of them. Perhaps you can borrow a known good antenna for starters, and
>>do the same with a VHF/UHF RF wattmeter and dummy load. Keep at it and
>>the problem will be discovered in due course.
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>>Best,
>>Sonny N1KHB
>>www dot tinyurl dot com /n1khb
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>>In a message dated 6/17/2013 3:57:52 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
>>mailto:michaelrae65%40yahoo.co.uk writes:
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>>I have a old Yaesu Ft 727R I keep thinking I will part with it as what
>>use is it, it works!!!!! on 2m and 70cms great on rx but txing with it
>>is useless, the rubber ducks I have 3 just do not go very far even on
>>5 watts, I want for a test walk at my new location near the river
>>blackwater here in Maldon Essex in the uk, there is sea water there, I
>>could hear two guys on 2m and called and called for over 30 mins never
>>got heard as I changed from one rubber duck to the next, I want the
>>the highest spot here in Maldon and the guys were still on and coming
>>in 4 points on the bar S indicator down at the rivers edge there were
>>3 bars, I gave a call no response, so I am thinking handhelds only
>>good for across a hamfest field, I do see them in cars with the mag
>>mount on top is this how you should use a handheld if so its not in
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3075. RE: [BMHA] Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-18 22:47:18 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 2059 Message: 3075

Hey Rem,
In the past I've tried all sorts of mobile antennas on 75 Meters and, although they all had a low SWR, none of them radiated very well and I couldn't score a Q on that band. The efficiency of those antennas were in the range of 3% if memory serves.
I got a taste of what I was in for when I screwed the 3/4 x 24 lower mast into the spring - bent it right over and I had to make a spectacular catch before the coil hit the ground.
The over all height of the thing mounted on the luggage rack is a little under 15 feet. If I had a little more time to play around I think I would have substituted some of the lighter BuddiPole antenna sections to the bottom of the Catcher.
When I operate 10/15/20 during the day I'll use the 102" spring mounted whip and the tuner while in motion and then take the spring off to put the Bug Catcher on. I don't plan to do a lot of riding with that antenna on because it is pretty unwieldy and it will be dark when I finally get on 75.
If this works out I can beef up my Qs by getting to operate another band while the higher frequencies are shut down ... or not. Might very well end up as just another dummy load for my junk box.
Three SteppIR beams of towers! Yow. I'm putting one together right now - a two element with the 30/40 meter trombone. Either it's me and I'm getting stupid in my dotage or somebody doesn't know how to write a manual and count out the right number of parts. But, if it's already been done it's probably possible. Thank my lucky stars for YouTube.
Sounds like your plans will be a lot of fun. I'll be looking forward to watching your videos.
73,

Ron
W9XS

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
From: marinqrp@...
Date: Tue, 18 Jun 2013 17:53:56 +0000
Subject: [BMHA] Re: Field Day

Ron,

You are going big with doing 100 miles and those antennas! I thought an ATAS-120 was heavy, I can't imagine a Texas bugcatcher. Well you will pull in the signals and get your signal out. Great setup although it does sound heavy. Best of luck, I know you will do well.

You are the reason I started doing trike mobile for field day. I will be tricycle mobile again but only during the daytime Saturday, no 40 meters and no 75/80. I don't think I will get 10 miles in and less than 50 QSOs. It will be fun though.

What's different this year for me is I will be visiting the county ham club and camping there which is at one end of the bike trail I operate from. Camped there before, great views North of the bay and usually a good breeze late day. That way I can catch up with some people I haven't seen, sit around have dinner, talk and watch them operate their

stations - three towers with Steppir beams.

Everyone have a fun field day wherever you are,

Rem

K6BBQ

--- In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, Ron Baran <ronbaran@...> wrote:

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My usual antenna is a 102" spring mounted whip along with an AH-4 tuner. Setup doesn't work so good on 75 sooooo ... added a Texas Bug Catcher for this year's FD.

With a 4' mast, the big 480 coil and the 102" whip of the top I'm afraid the torque on the 3/8 x 24 core will snap it off. Probably just park it on the patio at night fall and work stationary.

> Goal this year in 1C is 300 Qs and 100 miles - same as the last 12 years

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3076. Re: [BMHA] What use is a handheld. - the band matters.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-19 01:27:21 UTC
From: Bill Vodall
Topic: 3056 Message: 3076

> was a good rubber duck. 8 watts with the amount of bars you get tells me
> that the repeater was deaf!!

Did I miss a mention of the correct tone being used? Without the
tone, no reasonable amount of power or signal is going to bring up the
repeater..

Bill

3077. Re: Field Day

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-19 13:45:22 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 2059 Message: 3077

I will be working the call sign K7UGE this field day as one of the two CW operators at our location. If you hear us give us a call. Yes, we will have lots of SSB operators on during the day. I usually show up to help set up. I leave during the hottest part of the day and let the youngsters handle those hours. I come back later in the evening and operate when it is cooler. I'll be on mostly after 0001Z Sunday.
73
Jim
W1RO
NNN0ZKQ
NutritionalSuccessTrain.Isagenix.com

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3078. new bicycle trail in dayton ohio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-21 23:56:55 UTC
From: ka8gov
Topic: 3078 Message: 3078

Hello everyone

This is Cliff ka8gov in Dayton Ohio I just wanted to let you know that today we have a new bicycle trail in Eastwood park and go to Huffman dam and the Wright brothers park and air force musem it it is called the mad river trail ext. it is a nice trail looking forward on rideing with you at hamvention 2014 73 Cliff stumpff ka8gov

3079. Re: [BMHA] new bicycle trail in dayton ohio

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-06-22 00:11:05 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3078 Message: 3079

Thanks and so everyone knows....St. Louis area has been putting in some terrific trails for the last ten
years or so and we now have many wonderful Missouri and Mississippi Rivers trail rides on beautiful
paved paths from way north of St. Louis to way south.
www.Trailnet.org (http://www.Trailnet.org) & on Facebook at _Trailnet - Saint Louis, MO - Non-Profit Organization | Facebook_ (https://www.facebook.com/Trailnet)

Years ago, before we had our own special trails, I rode many of these on my Nishiki Tour and you
could easily find places to drop a small tent, cook a little and move on in the morning. Back then,
did many Double Centuries.
Now, still easy but the ride is just plain better thanks to the organization that funded everything, Trailnet.
Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 6/21/2013 7:03:06 P.M. Central Daylight Time, ka8gov@... writes:

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3080. Talk time please x battery power.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-07-20 08:08:43 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 3080 Message: 3080

Using a Alinco DX-70TH set on 100-50 Watts setting and using two 12v @ 17Ah in parallel batteries and just running in the 50 watts setting in SSB what talk time can I expect guys and gals!
I have been looking for a on line calculator regarding this yet to find one, I am sure someone will ask How long do you normally talk - my answer is more than a rubber stamping so I would say 3 mins per contact next your going to ask 25 contacts in an hour LOVL well I should be so lucky.
Of course there will be a lot of listening, so if you have done the /BM how long were you in the field or by the seaside. Michael BE.

3081. Re: Talk time please x battery power.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-07-20 18:48:34 UTC
From: Randall Kolar
Topic: 3080 Message: 3081

Seems like you've answered your own question. There are so many variables to consider. You have already hit on the main ones. How many hours do you intend to be using the radio? Are you going to be in receive mode 100% of the time during this period? How much power does your rig pull in receive mode? What type of battery are you using? As a rough guess with your battery setup I feel that you could run 6-12 hr.s (using AGM type batteries) at 80% receive, 20% transmitting at 50 watts SSB. You can maximize the duration by using big short cables between the batteries and the rig. Also minimize or turn off back-lighting on the display and use headphones instead of the built in speaker. I have run my Yaesu FT-897 for 4 hr.s 90% receive 10% transmitt at 100 watts SSB with only one17 Amp/Hr battery but I was draining it below the recommened voltage level which will effect battery life. The only way to know for sure is go out and try!!

Hope this helps.

Randy
KG6WCA

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3082. Re: Talk time please x battery power.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-07-21 07:47:08 UTC
From: michaelrae65
Topic: 3080 Message: 3082

hi Randy. Your reply ties up with KF3CD reply he runs about 40 watts /BM from a 7Ah battery and gets 90 mins talk time which is a very good guide line, I must admit I never was thinking about short power leads lol but distance over power would help!!! it always has been said that for building any FM gear keep all leads short so it must tie in with that. Coming in from China Where else is a LED battery voltage indicator I was also told that contacts will soon tell you if your sounding strange as a indicator that your battery or two in parallel is losing power so time to pack it in for the day, I think 3-4 hours is more then enough at our present temps of 87-97 as predicted but I will have a lot of water and a black umbrella . I may very well use headphones. Thank you for your advice. Now if this silver surfer aged 71 can put up a few pics I will do that, lets hope I can as never done it before. Michael M3EMB my brother is G8YXL Norman so he may come alone as well but he is into VHF. Mike.

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3083. SAD LOSS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-07-25 16:28:12 UTC
From: g4akc_mobile
Topic: 3083 Message: 3083

Hello All,
Several of you may have spoken with Pete, G6UOI who was a very keen HF bicycle and pedestrian mobile operator over here in the northwest of the UK and could be heard most days working VK and ZL using his back-pack or bicycle set-up and he was also a keen member of the Yahoo" Real HF mobile" group.
I was devastated to receive the sad news that Pete who was only 53 years old has had a major heart attack and has passed away.
Pete will be more than missed by all of us, he was our rock, and many of us looked forward to getting out on the beach and working alongside him, his enthusiasm for our side of the hobby was amazing and infectious and no matter the weather or the band conditions, Pete would be there always with a cheery voice and lots of humour, making the whole experience for everyone something really special.
His wife Sue, his young children and his constant companion Kobi the dog were very special to him and our hearts and prayers go out to them.
Pete was one in a million and a very special friend to all of us, we will remember him always and I am sure he will be listening to us up there on 20M with a golden aerial. Dave Starkie, G4AKC
<http://www.qrz.com/db/g4akc>

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3084. Re: [BMHA] SAD LOSS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-07-26 01:01:39 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 3083 Message: 3084

Dave, it sounds as though Pete was a great ham and all-around guy. My condolences to you on the loss of your friend.

73, Brian WB9QVR

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3085. Re: [BMHA] SAD LOSS

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-07-26 01:46:35 UTC
From: Mark Allyn
Topic: 3083 Message: 3085

I'm sorry. Big loss

Truly,

Mark Allyn
Portland, Oregon
www.allyn.com
971-563-7588

On Thu, 25 Jul 2013, g4akc_mobile wrote:

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3086. ATAS-25 on a bike???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-01 19:00:54 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3086 Message: 3086

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Thanks,
Mike - N1EVH

3087. Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on a bike???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-01 21:23:46 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 3086 Message: 3087

On 10/1/2013 3:00 PM, n1evh@... wrote:
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(snip)

By "bike" Mike means bicycle, not motorbike.

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Richard Amirault
N1JDU
Boston, MA 02148

3088. Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on a bike???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-02 00:07:07 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3086 Message: 3088

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3089. Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on a bike???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-02 00:55:37 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3086 Message: 3089

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Mike - N1EVH

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3090. Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on a bike???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-02 03:18:54 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3086 Message: 3090

Hi Mike,
I don't see any reason not to have the two dedicated antennas in place for ops. They probably should have some space between them though. The split RF outputs of the FT817 are ideal for this anyway. As for mount stress, I can see where any HF antenna would transfer some movement inertia to a mount. If it isn't a (lightweight) whip, then it's coils, etc. Base springs may help absorb inertia as also used on motor vehicles.
My bike has a rather sturdy welded aluminum rear rack that I would consider strong enough for such purposes. It attaches in the usual way with the weight bearing supports bolted to the threaded rear axle plates with M5 screws. Previously, I had mounted an even stronger homebrew rack made of aluminum bar stock, but it I never liked it enough aesthetically so the official bike rack was purchased. I can't give you a brand name because I got it at a bargain without label or hardware. I keep all sorts of screws and nuts, both SAE and Metric at home, so no problem there.
I haven't made the HF plunge as yet on bike, but I expect that I would mount an HF antenna and battery on a stripped and partially converted tricycle kiddie carriage to use as a trailer that I've been working out a hitch for. I need a place for a cooler of food and drinks anyway. The autotuner would be there as well at the antenna base. The extra length of bike and trailer together will surely improve the counterpoise. I've also heard some rumors that Newcastle in the cooler will help Z matching. :-) :-)

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Right now I have my bike setup so I can use my FT-817 on it. My current antenna is an Opek HVU-100. It covers 6m, 2m, 70cm, and it had HF coils for 10m, 15m, 20m, and 40m (I've cut longer whips so the 10m and 15m coils could be used on 12m and 17m).

The problem with this antenna tho is... if I want to chance HF bands, I have to bring all of the HF coils with me when I go out on my bike (and the 40m coil/whip is a bit long to fit in the bag that I have on the back of my bike). I figured with the ATAS-25... I would just have to stop and manually tune the antenna for another band.

Also... for HF... the ATAS-25 is advertised for 10m, 15m, 20m, and 40m. Can it be tuned to use on 12m and 17m??? I don't see why it couldn't be.

So... if anyone has tried to use an ATAS-25 on a bike... I would love to hear how it worked out (good or bad). If I knew anyone close to me that had an ATAS-25... I would borrow it and try it out... but I don't know anyone with the antenna.

Thanks,
Mike - N1EVH

3091. RE: ATAS-25 on a bike???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-02 13:14:01 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3086 Message: 3091

Regarding the question of long whip sway. I used the 80 inch Hustler 2 meter antenna on my bike rack when I was commuting to work. Yes, it did sway and it also was put up to force the bus drivers coming up behind me to move over when lane when passing me.

I have seen the 102 or 108 inch whips (CB style) mounted on a bicycle. However, the mount I saw was at axle level, behind the bike like you would see on a motorcycle trailer hitch. Additionally, the auto tuner for it was in a box hung down from the side of the rear rack. (Like a solid saddle bag). The other side of the rear rack had a second box mounted the same size as the tuner box and it carried a rechargeable battery pack, charger and VHF amplifier (30 watts I think). The owner could park the bike near an AC outlet, open the top of the weather proof box and plug it in to recharge it. With this setup the owner also had a dual band antenna mounted on the rear bike rack. In one of the boxes he also carried some light wire that he would clip to the ground side of the antenna system and throw out on the ground for radials when he operated HF from a stationary location.

I don't have any experience with the ATAS-25 antenna. I don't see any reason why it wouldn't work as long as you have a strong enough mount.
73
Jim
W1RO
NNN0ZKQ
NutritionalSuccessTrain.Isagenix.com

3092. Re: ATAS-25 on a bike???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-03 00:17:38 UTC
From: Charles Penry
Topic: 3086 Message: 3092

<mailto:n1evh@...?subject=Re%3A%20ATAS-25%20on%20a%20bike%3F%3F%3F>
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The Opek will mount on a standard SO-239 mount and the whip is removable. The only issue with this antenna is the poor whip to coil mechanical connection, as noted on the eHam reviews. I solved that problem with a "Wire Reducer Wire Connector". Looks funky but it works. They may have improved that in the newer antennas but the in picture it still looks like my older one.

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The Opek will be a lot lighter weight than the ATAS, is a lot cheaper, has no moving parts to go wrong, will be a lot less stress on your bike and will help you keep your balance and controllability by keeping your center of gravity lower.

I really do like the screwdriver antennas when mobile so I don't have to stop to change bands but on your bike you should be able to change bands by just reaching behind you and moving the "Jumper Lead". Sounds like a good YouTube video to make while in motion!

Let me know if you have any questions about my experiences with the Opek or biking with antennas.

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Charles WA5VHU

3093. Re: [BMHA] Re: ATAS-25 on a bike???

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-03 18:24:49 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3086 Message: 3093

I have the MFJ version of this antenna (MFJ-1899T) for use with my FT-817... and I'm not all that impressed with the antenna. Never really able to get a decent SWR... even when using various ground radials with the antenna.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Charles Penry
Date: 10/2/2013 9:28:20 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Cc: n1evh@...
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3094. 17M Bicycle Mobile to Pedestrian mobile recording

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-18 08:04:33 UTC
From: <davidandtracy@...>
Topic: 3094 Message: 3094

Hello Group,

Had a great QSO with Mike, KF3CD/Bicycle Mobile last night whilst I was pedestrian mobile on the beach in Blackpool England.

Here is the video Mike made whilst on the move on the bike:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YG_tOj-PC0s&feature
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73's ,,,

Dave, G4AKC http://www.qrz.com/db/g4akc

3095. Bikes for Emcomm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-18 01:13:59 UTC
From: barry_bogart
Topic: 3095 Message: 3095

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3096. RE: Bikes for Emcomm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-18 20:22:44 UTC
From: <wb9qvr@...>
Topic: 3095 Message: 3096

Barry, I have taught an EmComm class in the past and one of the recommendations that I make is that a bicycle be included as part of the one's disaster kit. That advice applies to both hams and non-hams. However, a bicycle can be invaluable to EmComm efforts. Being on a bike (particularly a mountain bike) provides mobility through and around disaster sites when motorized vehicles are rendered useless. It can also be used to carry supplies if need be.

I have personal experience with using a bicycle in a disaster scenario. In 2005 the small town in which I live was struck by a tornado. Many streets were impassable by car due to debris. Also, within hours of the storm the National Guard sealed off the town and would allow only emergency vehicles into the area. I wanted to check on friends and offer assistance so I hopped on my mountain bike. I was allowed past the checkpoints since I wasn't in a motorized vehicle. The knobby tires on my bike allowed me to ride over small bits of debris without fear of having a flat. When I encountered downed trees or power lines I either detoured around them through yards or other off-road paths or simply picked the bike up and hoisted it over the obstacle. Once on the other side I simply pedaled on my way.

Although in that particular instance I wasn't working in an EmComm capacity I did carry an HT in case it was needed for any reason. However, that experience pointed out that a bicycle can provide speed, on and off-road mobility and the ability to cover relatively large distances like no other vehicle. In situations where one needs to either navigate a disaster area or get away to a safe location without needing fuel or requiring roads to be passable I think a bike is an invaluable tool.

73, Brian WB9QVR

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3097. Re: [BMHA] Bikes for Emcomm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-18 22:32:44 UTC
From: John Beaston
Topic: 3095 Message: 3097

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3098. RE: Bikes for Emcomm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-24 03:39:11 UTC
From: <barry_bogart@...>
Topic: 3095 Message: 3098

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3099. RE: RE: Bikes for Emcomm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-27 02:36:51 UTC
From: <sixstatutemiles@...>
Topic: 3095 Message: 3099

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-27 07:01:03 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 3095 Message: 3100

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3101. Re: [BMHA] RE: RE: Bikes for Emcomm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-27 15:12:28 UTC
From: P Caldwell
Topic: 3095 Message: 3101

Jeff,

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-27 20:45:25 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 3095 Message: 3102

Phil, anytime - there is a guy on youtube that has a trailer like that one I pointed out to you last night in my previous email, where he simply just threw his gear in the back of his trailer and went off and I think he had a Bob trailer with a tough box like that one's like those in the BikeRev website.

I will be replacing the box on my kit trailer with a newer box like that but, I'm going to have a friend who is an architect help me design a much newer one so, that I can carry the tripod, antenna and support poles in a dry compartment - the idea behind this is to make it like the LAFD SUV Command vehicles that battalion chief's drive.

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3103. Re: [BMHA] RE: RE: Bikes for Emcomm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-27 21:19:01 UTC
From: Phil Caldwell
Topic: 3095 Message: 3103

Jeff,

When complete that project would be worthy of a bunch of photos posted to the group. All the best for a successful outcome!!

Philip Caldwell, N2ARB

n2arb@...

> On Oct 27, 2013, at 4:45 PM, Jeff Newton <saanpregion@...> wrote:
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> Phil, anytime - there is a guy on youtube that has a trailer like that one I pointed out to you last night in my previous email, where he simply just threw his gear in the back of his trailer and went off and I think he had a Bob trailer with a tough box like that one's like those in the BikeRev website.
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> I will be replacing the box on my kit trailer with a newer box like that but, I'm going to have a friend who is an architect help me design a much newer one so, that I can carry the tripod, antenna and support poles in a dry compartment - the idea behind this is to make it like the LAFD SUV Command vehicles that battalion chief's drive.
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> Good Luck.
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> 73's,
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> Jeff - KE7OUR
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>> On Sun, Oct 27, 2013 at 8:12 AM, P Caldwell <sixstatutemiles@...> wrote:
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>> Jeff,
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>> Great low cost utility trailer! Thanks for the heads up. I have been trying to get my wife to take up biking with me and if I could this would be the perfect way to haul outing supplies with us for day outing rides on some of the converted rail road beds in the area.
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3104. RE: Re: [BMHA] RE: RE: Bikes for Emcomm

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-30 01:10:48 UTC
From: <barry_bogart@...>
Topic: 3095 Message: 3104

I attended the AGM/conference of the BC Cycling Coalition on the weekend and attended an interesting presentation by Robert Johns, VE7GER. He ran an excercise in Victoria BC using bikes which is documented here: http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/departments/emergency-preparedness/tour-de-disaster-cyclist-emergency-and-disaster-response-rally.html.

I'd like to hear from anyone interested in documenting this kind of effort, and sure that Robert would as well.

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Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-10-30 02:18:47 UTC
From: Jeff Newton
Topic: 3095 Message: 3105

There is event here in the United States that is held in Seattle, Wa., Portland, Or., Eugene, Or and I also believe in San Francisco, Ca., called the Disaster Relief Trials, what this does is stimulates the efforts and likes of using Cargo Bike for disaster relief and distribution. We just got done with the Eugene DRT's earlier this month with over 30 participants that participated in the first DRT's to be held in Eugene this year, Portland and Seattle have had their for the past couple of years, I'm told - and, I'm not too sure about the SF, Ca., portion at this point.

But we did use Amateur radio for our communications between checkpoints and kept tracking logistics among the riders involved for the organizers and more.

73's,

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3106. BMHA 2014 Dayton Forum Speakers wanted

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-11-07 15:57:32 UTC
From: <nf0n@...>
Topic: 3106 Message: 3106

It may seem a little early but I am looking for speakers for the 2014 BMHA Forum for the Dayton Hamvention. The perks are a Hamvention pass and a parking space in the Vendor parking area right next to the Arena. The date is May 18, 2014

It you are interested, please contact me a nf0n@arrl.net to discuss.

Thanks,

BMHA Forum Moderator, Mike, NF0N

3107. Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-12-07 18:54:41 UTC
From: <bpdlists@...>
Topic: 3107 Message: 3107

Currently I have my dual band antenna on an aluminum plate behind the seat, attached to the seat rails using a Minoura bottle cage holder. This setup works well, but the antenna is too close for my liking.

So I am thinking I want to have something off the side of the rear rack, so I can still use a racktop bag, similar to this:
http://www.k5pa.com/Ham% 20Radio/Bicycle%20Mobile.htm
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Any thoughts on how to mount an aluminum plate to the rack? My challenge is that I have a Blackburn EX-1 rack without a rear platform:
http://www.rei.com/product/ 856419/blackburn-ex-1-bike- rack
http://www.rei.com/product/856419/blackburn-ex-1-bike-rack

Brian
KJ6VZV

Orange, CA

3108. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-12-07 20:25:01 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3107 Message: 3108

For my bike... I went to Home Depot and got 2 pieces of alumunim which were I think 36 inches long... I think 1 or 1 1/2 inches wide... and 1/8 inch thick. I cut each piece in half so I had 4 pieces that were 18 inches long. I then stacked the 4 pieces together so that they would be 1/2 inch thick.

I then went to Boat US (you can go to any boating supply place and maybe other places) and I got some stainless steel pieces that would fit around the "vertical" pieces of the bike rack and sit against the aluminum pieces. I marked where the holes would go on one of the aluminum pieces and then put all 4 pieces together and drilled them all at the same time.

I then had an aluminum angle mount from n old scanner antenna that I drilled out and put a 2 inch SO-239 feedthru connector (I'm sure you can get something similar at HRO or any ham store with either an SN-239 or NMO mount... which ever you desire).

I can take some pictures and e-mail them to you if you want to see how it looks.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: bpdlists@...
Date: 12/7/2013 1:54:47 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

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3109. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-12-08 01:12:43 UTC
From: Richard Amirault
Topic: 3107 Message: 3109

On 12/7/2013 1:54 PM, bpdlists@... wrote:
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http://www.bmha-hams.org/Newsletter/images/V05N04p04.jpg

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Richard Amirault
N1JDU
Boston, MA 02148

3110. Re: [BMHA] Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-12-08 01:41:52 UTC
From: bob mills
Topic: 3107 Message: 3110

Fwiw, I put my little MFJ mag mount onto a steel plate (Simpson Strong Tie from house construction) which is zip tied to my stainless rack with a ground wire to my rear skewer.
bob

From: Richard Amirault <ramirault@...>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2013 5:12 PM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

On 12/7/2013 1:54 PM, bpdlists@... wrote:
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3111. RE: [BMHA] Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-12-08 08:35:57 UTC
From: William Brandhorst
Topic: 3107 Message: 3111

I mounted a small rectangular steel piece perpendicular on my aluminum rear rack via hefty ¼ bolts and nuts. I mounted a VHF/UHF antenna on one side with coax connected to the front port of my FT-817 and on the other side I mounted a connector for the Hustler Resonators with a 3 foot mast connected to the rear port, via 817 auto tuner. I have contacted 7 countries and 26 states while riding. I have no problem with the aluminum it is mounted on.

Bill – WB5UEP

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of bob mills
Sent: Saturday, December 07, 2013 7:42 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

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3112. Re: Antenna Mount for Rear Rack

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-12-08 15:11:18 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3107 Message: 3112

I use a 19 inch dual band antenna on the back corner of my rear rack at it is attached with a Mirror Mount used by truckers. It is simply a clamp using 2 pieces of metal with two bolts running through it. It is approximately 4 inches long 3/4 inch wide. This is 3/8 24 thread type antenna mount. I sometimes switch out the 19 inch antenna for a 80 inch Hustler 2 meter antenna. The 80 inch I use in areas of high traffic that have a bus route. When I see the bus coming in my mirror I start swinging the antenna left and right and it cause the bus driver to move over an entire lane to pass me. With the 19 inch antenna mounted the bus mirror will pass within inches of my head.

With this mount I can also switch out to an HF Hustler antenna. My HF Hustler mast is the short 20 inch variety. Then I can put the desired resonator on top. I do not use a spring on the bottom for the HF mast.

All my radios are placed in a handle bar bag. This has proved safer for me and the radio. I've crashed and the radio was untouched. Wish I had fared that well. LOL!!!

That's my 2 cents worth. Good Luck!
73
Jim
W1RO
NNN0ZKQ
NutritionalSuccessTrain.Isagenix.com

3113. BMHA Forum at Dayton Hamvention 2014 Approved

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2013-12-31 14:35:42 UTC
From: <nf0n@...>
Topic: 3113 Message: 3113

We have been approved for the BMHA Forum at the 2014 Dayton Hamvention. Our Forum will be on Sunday May 18th at 9:15 in Room 5. We will have 2 Presenters with very interesting topics along with several bicycle displays. Plans are forming for the annual BMHA bike ride. Mark your calendar to attend our annual BMHA Forum and bike ride. Happy New Year.

3115. BMHA Operating frequencies?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-13 05:59:27 UTC
From: <k5wdb@...>
Topic: 3115 Message: 3115

I have looked through the files and looked on the site, but having trouble finding recommended operating frequencies for BMHA or pedestrian mobile. Are there any frequencies that fellow bike riders meet?
Thanks
Bill - K5WDB

3116. distance between antennas...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-13 12:57:32 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3116 Message: 3116

Right now on my mountain bike... I have a rack on the back of my bike.
On the rack... I've got a piece of aluminum about 18 inches long. At the
end of the aluminum I have an Opek HV-100 antenna which is good for
6m, 2m, 70cm, and HF (10m, 15m, 2m0, 40m... depending on which
HF coil I have on the antenna.

I recently picked up a used Yaesu ATAS-25 manually tuned screwdriver
antenna that I want to try on HF. Now according to the manual for this
antenna... there are 3 elements that get attached to the top of the antenna.
It says to use 1 or 2 for 10m... 2 for 15m... 2 or 3 for 20m... and 3 for
40m.
The antenna can also be used on VHF/UHF with none of these elements
on the antenna.

Now switching from HF to VHF with this antenna would be a pain in the
butt if i have to stop to remove elements... or add elements if I want to
go
from VHF to HF. I do have a Comet 6m, 2m, 70cm mobile antenna that I
could also use (since the FT-817 has 2 antenna jacks.

Has anyone tried setting up both VHF/UHF and HF antennas on a bike
at the same time??? If so... should the two antennas be kept a certain
distance from each other???

I know when it comes to antennas on a bike... all antenna theory is pretty
much thrown out the window (ie: not using any radials/counterpoise like
you would usually need with a HF portable/mobile antenna). So I didn't
know if I should keep the 2 antennas apart from each other or not.

Thanks,
Mike - N1EVH

3117. Re: [BMHA] BMHA Operating frequencies?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-13 13:06:40 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3115 Message: 3117

I don't know if there are any recommended BMHA frequencies for bike and/or pedestrian operations... but the HFpack group has a list of frequencies for each band which they say can be used by those that are base, mobile, portable, QRP, QRO...

http://hfpack.com/air/

I've never tried checking in on any of these frequencies when I'm out on my bike. I pretty much just tune the entire band... and try to work whoever I hear... stateside or DX.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: k5wdb@...
Date: 2/13/2014 1:44:54 AM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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3118. RE: BMHA Frequencies

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-13 14:18:02 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3118 Message: 3118

I tend to stick around the HF Pack frequencies found on hfpack.com. These are the guys that have their HF rigs in their backpacks. They welcome mobiles and they tend to listen pretty well.
I usually start on these:
14342.5 kHz USB
14346.0 kHz USB
18157.5 kHz USB
18117.5 kHz USB

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3119. RE: [BMHA] distance between antennas...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-14 04:09:22 UTC
From: William Brandhorst
Topic: 3116 Message: 3119

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Bill - K5WDB

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Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 6:58 AM
To: bmha@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] distance between antennas...

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Mike - N1EVH

3120. RE: [BMHA] distance between antennas...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-16 03:15:45 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3116 Message: 3120

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3121. Re: [BMHA] distance between antennas...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-16 04:35:42 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3116 Message: 3121

Hi Mike,
You were in or near the blizzard warning area last time I looked. The Cape is probably getting hammered. Our show ended a while ago along the Conn. coast in Guilford. It'll be a while before I can drag my bike out here too. Might be a while before I can get the car out for that matter, unless my plow guy comes out of hiding at some point. Might need dynamite to blast the glaciers at the driveway entrance, formed from the town plows, if he waits too long!
Might get up to your area for a day or two this summer. I'd be at Boxboro too if ARRL hadn't screwed things up.

Best,
Sonny N1KHB

In a message dated 2/15/2014 10:15:45 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, n1evh@... writes:

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3122. Event Official Jersey

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-17 04:43:48 UTC
From: <bpdlists@...>
Topic: 3122 Message: 3122

Does someone have a yellow cycling jersey which says "EVENT OFFICIAL" or something similar? If so, do you know of a source for such a jersey? If not, I'd probably go Voler semi-custom or similar.

http://www.voler.com/help/?SEG=FAQ-SC#HelpHowmuchwillmyjerseycost
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Brian
KJ6VZV
Orange, CA

3123. Re: [BMHA] Event Official Jersey

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-17 13:19:15 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 3122 Message: 3123

I've used http://v-gear.com/custom.html
Toby
W0LZD
Roseville MN

Toby

On Sun, Feb 16, 2014 at 10:43 PM, <bpdlists@...> wrote:

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3124. Ham riding around the world.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-18 05:17:03 UTC
From: Barry Bogart
Topic: 3124 Message: 3124

http://www.cyclingtheglobe.com/

Going through S. America now.....

72, Barry
VE7VIE/WV2J

3125. Re: [BMHA] Event Official Jersey

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-18 05:25:16 UTC
From: <bpdlists@...>
Topic: 3122 Message: 3125

I found this site, according to their semi-custom design tool online, I can get a solid yellow jersey and add "EVENT OFFICIAL" for $56 each, no minimum order. I'll give them a call for more information.

http://www.fastfreddieapparel.com/ http://www.fastfreddieapparel.com/

Brian
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---In BMHA@yahoogroups.com, <tobymarkowitz@...> wrote:

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3126. Re: Event Official Jersey

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-18 14:25:24 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3122 Message: 3126

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I provide bicycle mobile communications in local events, such as Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Diabetes Run, various marathon non-bicycle and MS 150 Bike public service support roles. For these events most of the event organizer want us to wear their event T-shirts along with us wearing some type of Radio Communications Vest. In the bicycle events organizers we support they do NOT want us to wear cycling jerseys as it does not allow other officials to rapidly find us when we blend in with the competing cyclist.

Hope your events go off without a hitch
73
Jim
W1RO
NNN0ZKQ
NutritionalSuccessTrain.Isagenix.com

3127. Re: [BMHA] Re: Event Official Jersey

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-18 15:18:00 UTC
From: Manuel Fernandez-Longo
Topic: 3122 Message: 3127

Why don't you wear the vest on top of the other t-shirt(+camelback, ...)? the vest will ID you immediately.

Have a nice day!!!
Best Regards,

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Manuel Fernandez-Longo
np3il@...

On Tuesday, February 18, 2014 9:27 AM, Jim Bassett <W1RO@...> wrote:

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3128. Re: Event Official Jersey

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-18 15:27:37 UTC
From: <bpdlists@...>
Topic: 3122 Message: 3128

Interesting point. In my area the charity ride season is April and October, with a bunch of diabetes, MS, and other rides split between the weekends in those months. Even at those times of year, riding with a T-shirt with a vest on top can be HOT! Even the official vest on top of a yellow cycling jersey is hot. There are cooler vests than the "official" one, but since that requires deviating from the standard issue radio/SAG vest, might as well look into a jersey that looks similar.

The event volunteers will wear the event T-shirts, but they don't ask of that for those of us who are moving around on the course - the radio (motorcycle/bicycle) and SAG support - I believe in part because we are all pretty identifiable already through our radio equipment. I've already brought up the jersey question to the head of the radio/SAG support group, and they don't foresee any issues with a custom cycling jersey which looks official.

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3129. Re: [BMHA] Re: Event Official Jersey

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-18 17:06:02 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 3122 Message: 3129

The BP MS150 in Texas has jerseys for both their bicycle-mobile volunteers. The medics and "Officials" each have distinctive jerseys and the motorcycle marshals wear distinctive matching vests over their protective clothing.
They have 13,000 bicyclists and 70-90 motorcyclists on the road from Houston to Austin every year.

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- Norm - N9ZKS - Central Illinois
- Motorcyclist, Bicyclist, Ham, Scouter
- '05 Goldwing - Yellow - Rex - 151,000 miles
- '87 Goldwing Interstate - Lagniappe Too - 66,000 miles
- LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!
- IBA 25533, MARC, WOTI, GWRRA, AMA, ARRL
- http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n9zks-9,n9zks-10&radar=***
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3130. Re: Event Official Jersey

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-02-19 14:50:52 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3122 Message: 3130

I understand HOT. I've done a few of these here in Las Vegas, NV at 100 degree F outside. That is why I used the mesh style vest for the air flow.

Good Luck,
73
Jim
W1RO
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3131. Bicycle Mobile WAC...done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-04 17:24:09 UTC
From: <kf3cd@...>
Topic: 3131 Message: 3131

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73 de Mike, KF3CD/BM
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3132. RE: Bicycle Mobile WAC...done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-04 17:36:58 UTC
From: <w5aox@...>
Topic: 3131 Message: 3132

That is indeed a fabulous accomplishment. Congratulations!

3133. RE: Bicycle Mobile WAC...done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-04 18:01:00 UTC
From: <whereisjay@...>
Topic: 3131 Message: 3133

Well done!

- Jay N1RWY

3134. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile WAC...done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-04 20:39:27 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3131 Message: 3134

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3135. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile WAC...done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-04 21:14:34 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3131 Message: 3135

Great job and best to you. Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 3/4/2014 11:24:18 A.M. Central Standard Time,
kf3cd@... writes:

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3136. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile WAC...done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-05 13:41:22 UTC
From: Russell Dwarshuis
Topic: 3131 Message: 3136

Congratulations on Antarctica! I haven't worked that continent from my base station let alone my bicycle.

73, Russ KB8U

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3137. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile WAC.Changed to 817 Question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-06 19:33:50 UTC
From: Norm Huber
Topic: 3131 Message: 3137

On 3/4/2014 2:39 PM, n1evh@... wrote:
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3138. Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile WAC.Changed to 817 Question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-06 23:47:25 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3131 Message: 3138

Yeah.. the FT-857 (and FT-897) does... but with the FT-817... you can
select which antenna jack you want use on each band.

So... since I'll have 1 antenna for HF and one antenna for VHF/UHF... I'll
setup the FT-817 to send 10m thru 40m to the read antenna jack and
have it send 6m thru 70cm to the front antenna jack.

Mike - N1EVH

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From: Norm Huber
Date: 3/6/2014 2:33:56 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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Yahoo Groups Links

3139. RE: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile WAC.Changed to 817 Question

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-07 01:01:24 UTC
From: William Brandhorst
Topic: 3131 Message: 3139

My FT-817 is mounted on my bicycle and that is exactly how I do it. No antenna switch required and my Z817 tuner is on the rear jack.

Bill - K5WDB

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of n1evh@...
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 5:47 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile WAC.Changed to 817 Question

Yeah.. the FT-857 (and FT-897) does... but with the FT-817... you can

select which antenna jack you want use on each band.

So... since I'll have 1 antenna for HF and one antenna for VHF/UHF... I'll

setup the FT-817 to send 10m thru 40m to the read antenna jack and

have it send 6m thru 70cm to the front antenna jack.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Norm Huber <mailto:n9zks@...>

Date: 3/6/2014 2:33:56 PM

To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com

Subject: Re: [BMHA] Bicycle Mobile WAC.Changed to 817 Question

On 3/4/2014 2:39 PM, n1evh@... wrote:

> WOW... Congrats. I've never even heard Antarctica from home... never

> mind on bike.

> Unlike you... here in Boston... my bike has been put away for the winter.

> In the next week or two... I will be making a few changes to my setup on

> my bike. I'm going to make some minor changes to how I power my FT-817

> on my bike and trying a new/different antenna.(going to give a Yaesu

> ATAS-25 a try... see if its any better than my Opek HVU-100). I'll use my

> Diamond CR627B antenna for 6m/2m/70cm... and just use the ATAS-25

> on HF (so... 2 antenna mounts... since the FT-817 has 2 antenna jacks).

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> bike.

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3140. VX8-DR mounting and antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-15 21:38:51 UTC
From: <kc6ete@...>
Topic: 3140 Message: 3140

I finally got back on two wheels again, with a Diamondback insight 2. Changed jobs, and now I have a four mile commute with sidewalks (legal here) and some bike paths.

I have a handlebar mount and HT sled from RAM, but I'm not thrilled with either the big heavy original duck or the thin whip I have, which would be like a psycho cat toy in face-poking range.

Ideally, I would be thinking in terms of an SMA cable to an antenna on a back rack. No rack yet.
I only plan to operate 2 and 440, but other options would be a plus.

Suggestions on antenna and rack?

3141. Re: [BMHA] VX8-DR mounting and antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-15 22:32:40 UTC
From: Jay Baack
Topic: 3140 Message: 3141

1/2 wave antenna to eliminate grounding issues, cheapest rack you can find that will hold pannier bags.

> On Mar 15, 2014, at 2:38 PM, <kc6ete@gmail.com> wrote:
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3142. Re: VX8-DR mounting and antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-16 03:11:05 UTC
From: <kc6ete@...>
Topic: 3140 Message: 3142

I've looked at a bunch of mobile antennas, thinking on a 1/4 wave vertical (springy cat-toy whip) with a descending counterpoise from that point. There are so many issues with mounting things on bicycles, shock and vibration, and resonances that I want to keep each element as small and "dead" as possible.

3143. Re: VX8-DR mounting and antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-16 10:30:03 UTC
From: Keith A Miller
Topic: 3140 Message: 3143

I use the VX8-GR with a half wave on the back of the rack. Have had good success using it on many rides including working bike mobile SAG at the Hilly Hundred.

3144. Re: VX8-DR mounting and antenna

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-16 13:03:07 UTC
From: <klgray@...>
Topic: 3140 Message: 3144

I have a Tram 1180 dual band antenna attached to the rear carrier of the bike. it's 1/2 wave for 2m, and stacked 5/8s on 440, so not much of a ground plane is needed.
There are some photos of the setup here:
https://www.flickr.com/photos/76937082@N00/sets/72157623814719986/
https://www.flickr.com/photos/76937082@N00/sets/72157623814719986/
I've made a few changes since those photos were taken, but most of them are hidden. I've replaced the lead-acid battery with a Li-Po setup, and moved both the battery and the APRS puck GPS into the handlebar bag.

Reviews of the antenna can be found here: http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/1920
http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/1920

Kelly Gray
VE3VGP

3145. TCFMC Next general meeting and presentation - March 24th - tonight!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-24 15:25:34 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 3131 Message: 3145

If any of you happen to live in the Twin Cities area of MN you are welcome to come and check out our meeting tonight. I would love to have you as a club member. I hope to do a club presentation on my bicycle trip around Lake Superior in the near future.

LOTW - Logbook of The World. Yes, you have heard of it. Many you use it but many more of you do not! With only 65000 registered users, change is hard for hams. Join the TCFMC and Al Dewey, K0AD, as he gets you started, gives you the hints and kinks for successful use, and discusses some of the recent issues and fixes that ARRL has implemented. We will also have some other exciting announcements at the meeting so be there.

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That's TCFMC at the West Medicine Lake Community Club in Plymouth on March 24th, 7 PM!

See you there!!!

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3146. Re: [BMHA] TCFMC Next general meeting and presentation - March 24th - tonight!!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-03-24 15:33:09 UTC
From: David Ventura
Topic: 3131 Message: 3146

Hello Earl,

I do live in the Twin Cities area (NE Minneapolis) and have a Ham Radio equipped HPV (Recumbent, "Tadpole" trike, I.C.E. Adventure). So I am very interested in bicycle mobile ham radio operations.

I am a member of the TCFMC and am the Vice President of the TCRC.

I look forward to your presentation on bicycling around Lake Supeirior.

73,

Dave - KE0NA

On Mon, Mar 24, 2014 at 10:25 AM, S. Earl Jarosh <earljarosh@...>wrote:

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3148. BMHA Forum Dayton Hamvention Details-May 18, 2014

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-04-21 00:42:56 UTC
From: <nf0n@...>
Topic: 3148 Message: 3148

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Moderator: Mike Nickolaus, NF0N

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We plan to have bicycle mobile displays and demonstrations of each will be conducted.

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

3149. RE: [BMHA] BMHA Forum Dayton Hamvention Details-May 18, 2014

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-04-21 04:46:38 UTC
From: Skip La Fetra AA6WK
Topic: 3148 Message: 3149

Thanks, Mike.

I updated the page on the website

http://bmha-hams.org/timely/Dayton2014.htm

- Skip AA6WK

From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com [mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of nf0n@...
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2014 5:43 PM
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] BMHA Forum Dayton Hamvention Details-May 18, 2014

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BMHA Forum Moderator

3150. hamvention bicycle ride

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-04-26 17:06:23 UTC
From: <ka8gov@...>
Topic: 3150 Message: 3150

Hello this is cliff ka8gov from dayton ohio are you having a bike ride at hamvention this year at dayton it was fun last year plus we got some new trails to show you 73 cliff ka8gov

3151. Re: hamvention bicycle ride it is ON!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-04-27 22:35:17 UTC
From: <vhuntertdi@...>
Topic: 3150 Message: 3151

Hi Cliff, and all the others who maybe interested...

Yes, we WILL have a ride this year. I just sent a note to the BMHA web master asking to have info put
on the BMHA-HAMS web site. Its the same info as last year, except that the date is Saturday the 17th
this year.

Sorry for the delays. I have been a bit bummed lately after surgery in January on the bottom
of my foot. Mike - NF0N has said that he would do the ride if at the time I am not feeling up to it.

So it will be either Mike or myself this year on the ride, depending on how my foot is treating me.. I hope that its feeling good by then.

Unless there is bad weather nearby, we should be on the trail around 2PM. Mike and I
will be there by 1:30, and maybe a little earlier. Last year we stopped by Subway
on the way to the park and brought our lunch to eat at the picnic table and that worked well for us.
Others who want to do lunch in the park are welcome to bring their lunch and eat with us.

I will have a radio on 146.55 (five five) simplex for talk in once you get near the park like last year.

I hope to see everyone from last year, and some new friends too!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

3152. Re: hamvention bicycle ride it is ON!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-04-28 11:30:51 UTC
From: Keith Miller
Topic: 3150 Message: 3152

I plan to bring some snacks again like I have the last few years. I will be in Dayton on Thursday if anyone wants to ride with me. Plan to ride the paths north of Dayton from the Tipp City area.

Keith, KA9RSL

3153. Hamvention bicycle ride - 2014

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-01 18:42:33 UTC
From: <vhuntertdi@...>
Topic: 3153 Message: 3153

Hi Group,

I just wanted to post again, in case some might have missed it, that we are going

to be doing the BMHA ride again on Saturday the 17th.

For complete details, see the bmha-hams.org web site - a direct link to which is here.

http://www.bmha-hams.org/timely/Dayton2014.htm
http://www.bmha-hams.org/timely/Dayton2014.htm

I hope that everyone who is interested will come out for the ride.. I have put
in a request for good-dry-warm weather on that day. I hope it comes through!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

3154. Re: Hamvention bicycle ride - 2014

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-06 11:54:16 UTC
From: Keith Miller
Topic: 3153 Message: 3154

Will bump this again for any who have missed it. I will be there.
Also on Thursday afternoon I will be riding the trail north of Dayton.
Will start on the east side of Vandalia off US40 and plan to ride north
to Tipp City and Troy.
Join me if you want to go along. It is a nice ride along the old canal
and river.
Starting here.
532 S Cassel Tipp City, OH 45371
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/532+S+Cassel/@39.8785068,-84.1715321,15z/data=%214m2%21
3m1%211s0x883f7c34becfbadf:0x3163afcd168b46d4>

Message me here for cell #

Keith, KA9RSL

3155. ATAS-25 on mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-07 20:44:49 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3155 Message: 3155

Well... now that the warmer weather is returning to the Northeast USA, I finally got a chance to spend some installing a mount on my mountain bike so I can use both my ATAS-25 antenna and my Diamond CR627 (6m, 2m, 70cm) antenna. Yeah... I know the ATAS-25 "should" do 6m, 2m, and 60cm... but I'm sure the Diamond antenna will work better on those bands.

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Mike - N1EVH
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3156. Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-07 22:25:51 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3155 Message: 3156

Hi Mike,
I'm curious as to what sort of plastic clamps you ordered. I don't have an ATAS, but I still like to make mental notes of available hardware pieces for future use somewhere. Anything special about the mounts?
Good luck with the installation.

Best,
Sonny N1KHB
www dot tinyurl dot com /n1khb

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Mike - N1EVH
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3157. Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-07 23:00:21 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3155 Message: 3157

I bought these...

http://www.ebay.com/itm/331142687647?ssPageName=STRK:MEWAX:IT&_trksid=p3984
m1423.l2649

I've seen some places selling a package of 10 for like $5 or $6 with
$1 or $2 for shipping... which is the opposite of what I pained (which
was $1.50 for the clamps and $5 for shipping).

These have a clamping diameter of .569" to .650"... and I measured
the piece of the ATAS-25 that it has to go around at .590". This should
keep the ATAS-25's coil from sliding down when hitting small bumps
and so on.

The ATAS-25 has a 1/4-20 threaded hole on the bottom of the antenna
for mounting. So I found a right-angle NMO mount. I then bought an
adaptor on eBay which was 3/8-20 one one side and 1/4-20 on the
other side. I then went to Lowes and bought a 3/8-20 nut that had
something on it so it would lock into place (so I wouldn't have to use
a thick lock-washer... and it wasn't a nylon insert).

I used 4 pieces of 1" x 1/8" x 36" aluminum (cut down to 30") to make
the mount to go on my bike rack to mount the two antennas. There is
a bit of side-to-side sway. A friend of mine that works in a machine
show is getting me a piece of 1" x 1/2" x 30" aluminum. This should
greatly reduce or eliminate the side-to-side sway in the mount from
having 2 antennas on it.

When I first tried to play around with this (I think late Feb or early March
notice a 1/2 to 1 S-unit increas on receive (I had the ATAS-25 and my
Opek HVU-100 on my bike at the same time so it was easy to switch
between the two very quick). However... it was a bit cool back then to
really play around with setting up the antenna.

I'm glad I finally got the antenna setup AND it gives me a flatter SWR
across the band than my Opek HVU-100... as I just upgraded to Extra
about a month ago... so now I have more of the bands to play on :-)

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message--------
From: N1KHB@...
Date: 05/07/14 18:25:53
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on mountain bike...

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3158. Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-07 23:50:19 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3155 Message: 3158

Oh yes, I know those. My spouse KB1EBF got me an assortment of them a while back. The original use for them as I know it are as hose clamps. They tighten in discreet steps just so you know.

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Date: 05/07/14 18:25:53
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Subject: Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on mountain bike...

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3159. Re: [BMHA] ATAS-25 on mountain bike...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-08 00:14:59 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3155 Message: 3159

Yeah... I was looking for a plastic hose clamp (similar to the metal ones that you see and use)... but I couldn't find anything like that.. So... I bought some of these clamps.

About the only place where I've seen a hose clamp like this... is on the tail light for my bike. (so it will tighten around the seat post or the frame that the seat post goes into).

And yeah... I see the teeth to indicate that they adjust is steps. If it doesn't tighten around the ATAS-25... then I have some thin pieces of rubber that I can put around the antenna... and then tighten this clamp over it.

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To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
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Oh yes, I know those. My spouse KB1EBF got me an assortment of them a while back. The original use for them as I know it are as hose clamps. They tighten in discreet steps just so you know.

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3160. Re: Hamvention bicycle ride - 2014

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-09 17:17:08 UTC
From: va3ks@...
Topic: 3153 Message: 3160

I hope to ride this year. I attended the BMHA forum last year at Dayton and decided to bring a bike this year. I will bring my Birdy folder.

73s, Kieran VA3KS

3161. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-10 20:34:31 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 3161

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /N1EVH Bike setup/n1evh bike 01.JPG
Uploaded by : n1evh <n1evh@...>
Description :

You can access this file at the URL:
https://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMHA/files/N1EVH%20Bike%20setup/n1evh%20bike%2001.JPG

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https://help.yahoo.com/kb/index?page=content&y=PROD_GRPS&locale=en_US&id=SLN15398

Regards,

n1evh <n1evh@...>

3162. pics uploaded...

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-10 20:37:02 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3162 Message: 3162

I just uploaded some pics of my bike setup to the Files section. I wasn't sure if I should upload them there or into an album in the Photos area.

The group owner can mode the location if he likes... or let me know and I can remove them from the Files section and upload them to the Photos section.

Mike - N1EVH

3163. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-10 22:43:15 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 3163

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /DL3NAA/IMG_2217.JPG
Uploaded by : w1cdo_mobile <w1cdo@...>
Description : W1CDO

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Topic: 79 Message: 3164

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Topic: 79 Message: 3165

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Regards,

w1cdo_mobile <w1cdo@...>

3166. BMHA Hamvention 2014 forum reminder

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-05-13 00:38:51 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3166 Message: 3166

Just a reminder that the 2014 BMHA Forum will be Sunday May 18th in Room 5 at the Dayton Hamvention. Hope to see many of you there. The BMHA bike ride will be held Saturday May 17th. See details in another message from KA0NCR. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!

3167. HAM Support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-06-25 23:04:40 UTC
From: Arnold Milstein
Topic: 3167 Message: 3167

I am charge of the route committee for the Jersey Shore Tour De Cure, Sunday Sept. 20th, in Asbury Park, NJ. I am looking for some HAM Operators that would be interested in providing our communications for the event.

We have four routes (10 miles, 35 miles, 62.3 miles and 100 miles). If you have anyone that might be interested I would appreciate them contacting me.

Arnold Milstein

3168. Re: [BMHA] HAM Support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-06-26 09:22:28 UTC
From: Jeff Poretsky
Topic: 3167 Message: 3168

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Jeff Poretsky
N3TOP

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3169. Re: [BMHA] HAM Support

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-06-26 12:37:36 UTC
From: Arnold Milstein
Topic: 3167 Message: 3169

Thank you for responding, that would be great if you could help out. Hopefully we can get a couple of more people.

Arnold Milstein

From: "Jeff Poretsky jeff.poretsky@... [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 5:22 AM
Subject: Re: [BMHA] HAM Support

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3170. Bicycle Mobile DXCC, WAC and WAS done!

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-08-08 16:35:44 UTC
From: kf3cd@...
Topic: 3170 Message: 3170

This discussion group seems to have been pretty quiet lately so i thought I'd post this update on my bicycle mobile activities and maybe stir up some activity.

Last year I completed DXCC from my bike, I'm now at 156 and new ones are getting pretty hard to work. Earlier this year, I finally worked Antarctica for WAC from my bike. I worked Antarctica twice, RI1ANR on CW and KC4AAA on SSB...that was a thrill, I never thought I'd get Antarctica from my bike. Although it was dark out and I was juggling mic and iPhone, I managed to take a short video of the QSO with KC4AAA and put it on youtube. Had the op at KC4AAA not paused to ask for mobile stations, i never would have made that contact. You have to laugh at the guy on the video that says "YEAH RIGHT!" when he hears that I am bicycle mobile! Here's the proof pal!

KF3CD/Bicycle Mobile QSO with Antarctica KC4AAA http://youtu.be/zolOyq3EzL4

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KF3CD/Bicycle Mobile QSO with Antarctica KC4AAA http://youtu.be/zolOyq3EzL4 Bicycle Mobile QSO from West Chester, PA. On April 17 at 00:00 UTC with KC4AAA at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. It's not a very good video, ...

View on youtu.be http://youtu.be/zolOyq3EzL4
Preview by Yahoo

Last night I worked Montana, my final state for bicycle mobile WAS. Most all contacts were made at 35 watts, none higher than 50 w, all with hamstick antennas, a Yaesu FT-100 and 7 AH gel cell for power. Wonder if anyone else has completed all 3 from a bike?

73 and happy biking and hamming!
Mike, KF3CD
West Chester, Pa.

3171. BMHA Forum at Dayton Hamvention 2015

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2014-12-11 01:25:03 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3171 Message: 3171

I have requested a BMHA forum at the Dayton 2015 Hamvention. It would be on Sunday at the usual 9:15 am time. We have had one volunteer of a great program already. If anyone else has a program, please contact me. Plans are forming for the annual BMHA bike ride on Saturday of the Hamvention.

Happy Holidays to all BMHA'ers and if your weather is warm, get out and ride a few miles.
Mike, NF0N

3176. BMHA Dayton Hamvention 2015 Approved

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-02-02 15:28:54 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3176 Message: 3176

Good news, we have been approved for a Forum at the Dayton Hamvention 2015. Our forum will be in Room 5 on Sunday May 17, 2015 from 9:15 - 11:15 AM.

Room 5 is large so bring your bicycles and displays. There are no other forums in Room 5 so we have it nearly all morning.

We have an excellent program already that I am sure you will enjoy. If anyone has a topic they would like to present, let me know and we will add to the program schedule.

Plans are forming for the annual BMHA bicycle ride, more to follow.

Hope to meet all of you at the BMHA Forum in May.

Mike, NF0N

3177. Hamvention Speaker wanted

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-02-19 17:34:00 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3177 Message: 3177

I have an opening for a speaker/presenter at the BMHA Forum on Sunday this year. If you would like to present, please contact me offline quickly. I need to get the details to the forum chairman.

Thanks,
Mike, NF0N, Forum Moderator
nf0n@arrl.net

3178. Dayton Hamvention 2015 Forum Details

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-03-29 18:30:57 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3178 Message: 3178

Sunday May 17, 2015 09:15 - 11:15

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (The 25th Annual BMHA forum at Hamvention)

Moderator: Mike Nickolaus, NF0N

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NF0N – Mike Nickolaus - “The Best of Bicycle Mobile Hams of America, From 1990 – 2015”
KA0NCR – Arn Grubbs – 25 Years of the Dayton BMHA Ride !

We plan to have bicycle mobile displays and demonstrations of each will be conducted.

3179. Re: [BMHA] Dayton Hamvention 2015 Forum Details

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-03-30 12:38:54 UTC
From: James French
Topic: 3178 Message: 3179

Any plans for the Dayton bike ride yet?

James W8ISS
On Mar 29, 2015 2:31 PM, "nf0n@... [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
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3180. Dayton Hamvention BMHA bike ride 2015

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-04-18 18:09:08 UTC
From: vhuntertdi@...
Topic: 3180 Message: 3180

Hi Group,

I just wanted to post again, in case some might have missed it, that we are going

to be doing the BMHA ride again on Saturday the 16th.

The specifics should be the same as our rides the past couple of years other than
the actual date.

We plan to meet up in Eastwood park near the trail spur into the park about 1:30 and
be on the trail at 2PM barring dangerous weather..

For complete details, see the bmha-hams.org web site - I hope to
get the info posted there shortly..

I hope that everyone who is interested will come out for the ride.. I have put
in a request for good-dry-warm weather on that day. I hope it comes through!
I will be there along with Mike, NF0N , I hope to see a nice group come out again this
year!

We will be at the park rain or shine, although if bad weather is in the area we
we may hold the gathering under a park shelter to wait it out and decide if it
is prudent to go out on the trail.

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

3181. Bike tools

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-08 01:52:11 UTC
From: N1KHB@...
Topic: 3181 Message: 3181

Hi all,
I've been considering portable bike tool sets such as:

Bike Bicycle Repair Tools Kit Mountain Road Bike Simple Self Repair Tool Set | eBay (http://www.ebay.com/itm/Bike-Bicycle-Repair-Tools-Kit-Mountain-Road-Bike-Simple-self-Repair-Tool-Set-/141454662786?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item20ef5adc82)

New Set of Bicycle Bike Cycling Repair Tools Kit with Pump Box Black Bag | eBay (http://www.ebay.com/itm/New-Set-of-Bicycle-Bike-Cycling-Repair-Tools-Kit-with-Pump-Box-Black-Bag-/311285396014?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item487a0e322e)

New Tab (http://www.ebay.com/itm/Cycling-Bicycle-Bike-Repair-Tools-Kit-Set-with-Pump-Box-Bag-Sahoo-Black-/291465562322?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item43dcb388d2)

Bike Cycling Tyre Repair Tools Kits Set Multifunctional with Mini Portable Pump | eBay (http://www.ebay.com/itm/Bike-Cycling-Tyre-Repair-Tools-Kits-Set-Multifunctional-with-Mini-Portable-Pump-/111660439435?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item19ff7b178b)

Any thoughts or recommendations? Thanks!

Best,
Sonny N1KHB

3182. Re: Bike tools

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-08 03:48:47 UTC
From: bob mills
Topic: 3181 Message: 3182

Some might disagree, but I think those sets look cumbersome and heavy! I carry a Park combination tool (Park tools were standard in the shop where I worked), that will handle many tasks. I also carry a Park chain breaker on long ride WITH a spare snap (emergency) link appropriate for my chain. Patches and 2 tire levers; for a pump I carry a frame pump on my touring bike, it gives me the higher pressure I need, BUT, if you ride a mountain bike, you'll need volume not pressure. I don't carry a tire boot because I always wrap my talced spare tube in a section of tyvek postal envelope in a plastic sandwich bag. For my XYL's bike I add a Park 15mm wrench for adjusting her Pauls' brand brakes. Roadside repairs suck, so annual maintenance is first level preventative. Everything fits nicely into my Acorn saddle bag with room for my wallet and a couple energy bars, etc.Hard core friends carry even less than me, a Co2 inflator, spare tube and a chain link.bobke7hzb

3183. Re: [BMHA] Re: Bike tools

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-08 07:49:16 UTC
From: DancesWithCars
Topic: 3181 Message: 3183

Yeah, preventive maintenance. Extra spokes, chain whip, adjustable wrench,

and the nut for your bike's cassette / freewheel remover. Chain Lube

Multitools, one will not do for some things, you need two of the same tools for several things. Park cumbersome, but some like old crank brothers I bought on tour has a chain tool, strong and small.

3rd and 4th hand tools helpful.

Spare tire. Tube and patch kit, likely to pinch, can give a kit to a stranded biker, time v. money.

Unless doing event or sag support for others, or just like tools, don't need much. Plan route know where shops and coops are, make friends with residents with garages open, water faucets, church key/ magic Corp faucet tools, leave a quarter and a card in a ziploc bag or sinething.

Ratio of heavy tools to causing breakdowns not really learned.

Bough spin doctor beginner tool set back in the day but too heavy to carry to clinics with tools on site. Addicted to 3 way you tools. Park longer than sun , etc cheaper ones. Some Y don't fit well/ unusable with some brakes cheap L hex/ Allen wrench set or useful sizes helpful. Muscle memory of park L hex with endz too.

Phone a friend option too. AAA does bike sag? Or similar now, afaict.

On Sun, Jun 7, 2015, 23:52 bob mills fatboy98382@... [BMHA] <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> Some might disagree, but I think those sets look cumbersome and heavy! I
> carry a Park combination tool (Park tools were standard in the shop where I
> worked), that will handle many tasks. I also carry a Park chain breaker on
> long ride WITH a spare snap (emergency) link appropriate for my chain.
> Patches and 2 tire levers; for a pump I carry a frame pump on my touring
> bike, it gives me the higher pressure I need, BUT, if you ride a mountain
> bike, you'll need volume not pressure. I don't carry a tire boot because I
> always wrap my talced spare tube in a section of tyvek postal envelope in a
> plastic sandwich bag. For my XYL's bike I add a Park 15mm wrench for
> adjusting her Pauls' brand brakes. Roadside repairs suck, so annual
> maintenance is first level preventative. Everything fits nicely into my
> Acorn saddle bag with room for my wallet and a couple energy bars, etc.
> Hard core friends carry even less than me, a Co2 inflator, spare tube and
> a chain link.

> bob
> ke7hzb
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3184. Re: [BMHA] Bike tools

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-08 11:58:24 UTC
From: chris@engravedimage.com
Topic: 3181 Message: 3184

As far as tools, I keep a spare tube and fold up tire in my saddle bag with a pair of tire levers, and a 20g CO2 cartridge to fill it. Also some fix it sticks to handle adjustments. I don't carry a chain tool, because I figure if I damaged my chain that bad,, I've probably got more problems than are reasonable to fix on the side of the road.
Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

------ Original message------From: N1KHB@aol.com [BMHA] Date: Sun, Jun 7, 2015 21:52To: bmha@yahoogroups.com;Subject:[BMHA] Bike tools
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3185. Re: [BMHA] Bike tools LONG

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-08 13:59:22 UTC
From: Nick Kemp
Topic: 3181 Message: 3185

I agree with many of the other comments you received and I emphasize the following:

- Depending on where you'll be riding determines the your tool needs.
- Around the block ... don't worry and walk it home.
- Out in the boonies or on a long tour... be self sufficient and carry more tools.

- There is one kind of rider... those who will have a flat.
-Carry a patch kit (I like Slime (larger and last longer than the thin ones) and can get from Walmart). I prefer peal and stick. They are easy to use and I have seen the tubes of adhesive solidify making that style patch useless.
-Carry tire irons (I have three and sometimes I use two and others I use three).
-Carry a good pump. I like frame pumps... there are some that are like a stand up floor pump which a lot easier to use.
- Get a frame pump strap/retainer to keep it from being jarred or knocked off while riding.
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BTW ... the best flat tire prevention is to check the air pressure before every ride. Especially for low volume high pressure tires. Snakebite flats are most often caused by low tire pressure. Keep a floor pump with integrated pressure gauge ($25 Target, Walmart) in the garage for this purpose (the floor pump is a lot easier to use than the frame pump). Don't use a compressor ... or use with caution since they easily blow a tire.

- There are a limited number of tool sizes on your bike. You can pack a small set designed to your needs. The multitool kits are nice, convenient, helpful if you ride with others and you'll be doing repairs ... but a bit heavier. I ride with an older Bell multitool and of the 20 or so tools, I mostly use a couple Alan wrenches (for adjusting the seat).

- Pack
- Zip ties (I fixed a pedal that fell apart on a scout ride with zip ties)

- Cheap ($1/pr) cotton jersey gloves (For when you need to do chain repair or to put the chain back on)
- Rag, spare tube, some duck or Gorilla tape
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I don't pack a spare tire. But you need to know how to use duct tape or a dollar bill to temp repair a cut tire.

- Pack these in an under seat pouch or a rear rack bag. A separate tool bag may or may not be appropriate.

As far as the kits listed ...
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ALSO, but a Park chain cleaning tool and clean and lube your bike chain. I like dry lube (less leg mess when you bump the chain). If it isn't shifting perfect and crisp, then it may need cleaning & lube (can lube only if in the road).

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3186. Re: [BMHA] Bike tools LONG

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Date: 2015-06-08 18:11:35 UTC
From: chris@engravedimage.com
Topic: 3181 Message: 3186

I should mention that the spare tire I carry was one that I obtained relatively inexpensively, as it was clearances out somewhere, and happened to be the right size. If that weren't the case, I wouldn't carry a spare tire.
Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

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3187. Re: [BMHA] Bike tools

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-09 16:41:02 UTC
From: AE2T
Topic: 3181 Message: 3187

I've read long on this topic and will add my two cents.

Tire irons: worthless. I've seen more damage to tubes and tires done by them. All you need to get a tire off is a thing called a Quick Stick <https://youtu.be/3L8bYUjLOvQ>. Nothing more than you hands is required to put a tire on, no matter how tight the bead is, if you learn how to do it.

Pumps: For a frame pump, Topeak Road Morph, <http://www.topeak.com/products/Pumps/RoadMorphG>or similar. Works like a floor pump. Built-in gauge. They make versions that are shorter for mountain bikes. You don't want to cheap-out on a pump. Nothing is more frustrating than riding home on a half-full tire because your pump couldn't do the whole job. I wasn't impressed with the pump in the first kit. Too plasticky. The Topeak has metal in it and replacement parts are available for the rest.

Multi-tools: There are plenty out there. Some are overkill. Find one that has just what you need. Sometimes you will need to use two tools at the same time. If they are both on the same multi-tool, what do you do?

I carry a small 4 or 6 in. adjustable wrench. And a small flat-blade screwdriver. A small Leatherman tool might be good too. The pliers come in handy, as might a knife.

A spoke wrench to fit your wheels. You can ride a long way on a wheel missing a spoke if you can adjust a couple on either side to compensate.

Carry a couple of quick links for your chain. They weigh nothing. A chain tool goes along with that.

I love those three-way tools too, but sometimes they don't fit in or turn where you need. For allen wrenches, something like this <http://www.amazon.com/TEKTON-2500-Metric-Wrench-14-Piece/dp/B0037GWANO/ref=sr_1_11?ie=UTF8&qid=1433863922&sr=8-11&keywords=metric+hex+wrenches>
is good. Take off the sizes you don't need.

Instead of gloves, a couple Handi-Wipes or alcohol preps take less room.

Patch kits are patch kits, unless you use some special tube. They're cheap - buy 2 or 3 every season because once you open the tube of glue, it will be dried up the next time you need it! I have bought just the glue in small tubes, but it's hard to find. I wish someone would put it in single-use foil packages and put one per patch in kits.

Presta or Schrader? Presta. Presta. Presta. Did I say Presta? Standardize on it across all your bikes and never have to fumble around

changing the little parts in your pump head out on the side of a road. If your rims are drilled for Schrader, they make reducers to use with Presta tubes. Schrader valves are for cars. Never fill a bike tire at a gas station pump.

Your tool kit is a pretty personal collection of tools. Of course, there is no point in carrying any tool that you don't know how to use. You also need to balance the likelihood of needing a tool and the severity of being caught without it against lugging it with you everywhere. The tool kits you posted links to are nice starting points, but only you can say if they are worth it or if you'll end up replacing half the items in them. You could just buy a seat or frame bag and fill it yourself.

Good riding, 73,

Al AE2T

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3188. got a new trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-09 18:32:07 UTC
From: ka8gov@...
Topic: 3188 Message: 3188

Hello everyone this is cliff stumpff ka8gov in Dayton ohio. just to let you know I got a new three wheel trike the kind with a basket on the back and also on the front my Miami sun trike is history do to chrash on my way home from hamvention I am ok my breaks went out and I went flying over the handle bars comeing down a hill.
I took my trike to bike shop could not get it fixed so now I got a new trike a shwinn now my question how would be the best way to put a twometer 440 mobile unit inside the front basket mounted on the basket can this be done. by the way I did go hospital got checked out and I was wearing a helmont 73 cliff stumpff ka8gov

3189. Re: got a new trike

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-12 19:54:26 UTC
From: vhuntertdi@...
Topic: 3188 Message: 3189

Hi Cliff

I am sorry to hear about your problem with the trike. I am glad that you didn't get hurt very bad, and are OK now. Mike, NF0N myself and Keith (cant recall what his call is right now) were at the BMHA ride this year, but not a lot of people showed due to the possibility of bad weather. We were there and had a nice chat while waiting for others to show.

The park police stopped (same guy as last year, he remembered my van!) and he was concerned about our ride due to storm warnings that were issued.

I hope that next year I will be able to make it to the Hamvention again, and we can have a good ride on Saturday (weather permitting). I hope to see you again next year!

73 - Arnie KA0NCR

3190. Anybody on Strava?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-13 19:05:17 UTC
From: Thomas Andersen
Topic: 3190 Message: 3190

Hi everyone,

Anybody here using the Strava app? We created the DX Cycling Club and you are welcome to join over at https://www.strava.com/clubs/DXCC

I will be coming to the United States on July 4th, cycling from Florida up the East Coast to New York, New England, then into Canada.

Will be QRV on VHF along the way using my new US call K9DXX.

Website: www.cyclingtheglobe.com

73,

Thomas OZ1AA

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http://www.cyclingtheglobe.com

3191. Sram 5.0 shifters

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-21 19:26:50 UTC
From: blockhead1959@...
Topic: 3191 Message: 3191

The rubber on my Sram 5.0 shifters has sort of melted.
The rubber gets on my hands.
I looked on the Sram web and did not find any 5.0 shifters.
The recumbent is a 2007 Cycle Genius Falcon
The company has closed.
3/8 gear. Going to try a bike dealer on Thursday. Thank You
Bob

3192. Re: [BMHA] Sram 5.0 shifters

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-22 13:46:29 UTC
From: Nick Kemp
Topic: 3191 Message: 3192

Obviously eBay is an option for replacement shifters. But until you get the replacement shifters, try wrapping the grips in bar-end-tape. You could also try loom tape (nontacky tape similar to electrical tape). If you use electrical tape make sure it is good quality like 3M or it will be worse than the original stickiness.

Another option is to whip it with paracord. Here are a couple knots to use:
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http://www.buildeazy.com/house_property_makeover/rope_swing_04_07_whip_knot.html
- http://www.netknots.com/rope_knots/french-whipping/

I hate it when the rubber/plastic gets tacky and It has happened to a a variety of things from wine preservers to camcorders.

Nick
N1KMP

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3193. Re: [BMHA] Sram 5.0 shifters

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-06-29 17:44:53 UTC
From: Doug Jones
Topic: 3191 Message: 3193

I know this is over a week old, but I had the same problem on my Bike-E recumbent with the Sram shifters. I'm living with it because the cost for brand new shifters (since they can't replace just the rubber) was prohibitive. I'm living with the melted rubber at the moment.

Doug
N6LMX

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3194. Bike tube repair

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-07-11 17:00:35 UTC
From: Joseph Wonoski
Topic: 3194 Message: 3194

Hi all,
Are the various self stick tube patches any good compared to the glue type? And how well does a shot of Slime work in a pinch? Thanks!

Best,
Sonny N1KHB

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

3195. RE: [BMHA] Bike tube repair

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-07-11 17:44:36 UTC
From: Kelly Bersch
Topic: 3194 Message: 3195

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73 de AC7EWKelly

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From: "Joseph Wonoski N1KHB@aol.com [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: 2015/07/11 10:00 (GMT-07:00)
To: bmha@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Bike tube repair

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3196. Re: [BMHA] Bike tube repair

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-07-11 17:24:32 UTC
From: bob mills
Topic: 3194 Message: 3196

FWIW and based on my experiences as a rider and a shop employee, glue on patches flex and stretch with the tube, stick ons I've tried don't. A shot of Slime or other sealant might work, but as I disremember, sealants are to be injected so that the entire inside of the tube is coated before a puncture. When I repaired flats in the shop I absolutely hated a tire with the inside fouled by sealant because it required a lot of cleaning to prevent the tube from being stuck to the tire. There are a lot of puncture resistant tubes, liners and tires that I would recommend over sealants; when we bike in central or eastern Washington, where goat heads abound, I use puncture resistant tire liners and reduce our tube sizes.Again, FWIW/YMMV.bobke7hzb

From: "Joseph Wonoski N1KHB@aol.com [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
To: bmha@yahoogroups.com
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3197. Re: [BMHA] Bike tube repair

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-07-11 22:36:22 UTC
From: Nick Kemp
Topic: 3194 Message: 3197

Some peel and stick patches work better than others. Some that look like a piece of Scotch tape work but fail some years later. The Slime peel and stick patches seem to adhere better and are my preference at this point. I agree with the other post about tubes of glue that are glue no more has been my experience and a hardened tube of glue when you are miles from wherever is not a solution. I always have a few peel and stick patches just in case.

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3198. Re: [BMHA] Bike tube repair

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-07-12 03:22:21 UTC
From: ruko
Topic: 3194 Message: 3198

I carry two tubes and patches that don't need glue. Tube glue is not recommended if the humidity is really high because the solvent in the glue evaporates rapidly lowering the coated area temperature to the dew point. The adhesive will not work with a film of condensed water on it.
N0BTI

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-------- Original message --------
From: "Joseph Wonoski N1KHB@... [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
Date: 2015/07/11 10:00 (GMT-07:00)
To: bmha@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [BMHA] Bike tube repair

Hi all, Are the various self stick tube patches any good compared to the glue type? And how well does a shot of Slime work in a pinch? Thanks!
Best, Sonny N1KHB

3199. Re: [BMHA] Bike tube repair

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-08-07 16:26:59 UTC
From: ae2t@...
Topic: 3194 Message: 3199

I wouldn't be concerned about humidity.

Patches on Butyl rubber tubes are not technically glued. They are called self-vulcanizing. The glue you use is a cleaning/solvent that softens the surface of the tube and makes it porous and open to adhering to the patch. The new surface of the patch, when you peel the backing off, is already this way.

The adhesion between the patch and the tube is more like a weld, than glued, if done properly. If any moisture were between the two surfaces, it could simply be squeezed out during the process of pressing the patch on the tube.

The glue should be spread thinly and allowed to evaporate until dry before the patch is applied. I have seen people accelerate this process by lighting the solvent with a match then blowing it out. I suppose this would also warm the tube and prevent condensation.

If you have so much evaporation of the solvent that it causes condensation, then maybe you are using too much glue.

3202. Re: [BMHA] Forsale: ICOM IC 7800 & ICOM IC 756 PRO 3 and ICOM PS 125

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-08-08 01:15:21 UTC
From: AA6WK@...
Topic: 3200 Message: 3202

Thanks for reporting suspected abuse. I have removed the post about the "for sale" item.

- Skip AA6WK
Webmaster@BMHA-Hams.org

3203. Re: [BMHA] Bike tube repair

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-08-09 04:27:02 UTC
From: ruko2001@...
Topic: 3194 Message: 3203

I've been riding bikes and patching tubes for 50+ years. Please don't tell me I'm using too much glue. The condensation formed when the dew point is reached due to solvent evaporation destroys the bond. It is a micro thin layer of water that can't be squeezed out as you suggested.

3204. Re: Bike tube repair

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-08-10 07:52:33 UTC
From: ae2t@...
Topic: 3194 Message: 3204

Sorry. I only offer it as a possible explanation. In MY 50+ years of riding, in a very humid part of the country, I have never seen condensation produced by evaporation of the solvent, nor even heard of it. If it's a "micro-thin layer" as you suggest, then I think you haven't "seen" it either and are using it as a scapegoat for the problem. The amount of evaporative cooling from a small amount of solvent is negligible. But it's as good an excuse for why your patches don't stick as any, I suppose. It is not that hard to get a good patch made.

I have had tubes, in the past, with half-a-dozen patches on them. I have had patches that looked like they weren't sticking with corners that were loose, but when I pulled them off, they were so strong, they tore the tube. And, yeah, I've had some that inexplicably didn't take and needed to be redone. Probably more were ruined by my own sweat than any condensation.

3205. Staying on topic (moderator discussion)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-08-15 20:20:44 UTC
From: AA6WK@...
Topic: 3205 Message: 3205

The central purpose of BMHA is a forum for those of us who enjoy combining the activities of bicycling and ham radio.

The other moderators and I have noticed a growing trend for posts to be either bicycling-only or radio-only -- having a few of these is okay but it is getting to the point where we are losing the value we have as being a unique place where the hobbies are mixed.

We are also seeing a larger number of "for-sale" and other diverging topics.

The other moderators and I don't plan to apply a heavy hand, but we would like to encourage you to post material that is relevant to both bicycling and ham radio. If it is a bicycle-only topic, or if it is a radio-only topic, then there are many other forums that can be used.

Thank you for your understanding.
- Skip AA6WK and the other BMHA moderators.

3206. Staying on topic (moderation change)

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-08-15 20:30:13 UTC
From: AA6WK@...
Topic: 3206 Message: 3206

Our BMHA group is unique in that we are a blend of the hobbies of bicycling and ham radio. Our group is devoted to the intersection of these activities (meaning that we do both).

Recently the other moderators and I have seen an increase in bicycle-only or radio-only topics (including for sale listings of radios that can't be used on a bicycle).

To keep this group focused on the intersection of bicycling and ham radio, the moderators have decided to re-affirm that postings here should reflect on material that reflects doing these activities together. There are plenty of bicycle-only and/or radio-only venues for material that relates to only one activity.

We also realize that this is a grey area and we don't plan to be too strict about this. But we do ask that future postings be of interest to both bicycling and ham radio as a combined activity.

Thank you,
Skip AA6WK and the other moderators

3207. CounterPoise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-09-25 12:09:43 UTC
From: ron huebner
Topic: 3207 Message: 3207

I am running a Dual Band HT with a Browning 5/8-wave antenna on a rear rack. It is mounted with a trunk type wrap around mount. It is working, but like any good ham, I would like to improve reception and transmission. I have read that others have good luck using a 1/4 wave counterpoise. On my Browning mount, the shield seems to be isolated from the mount. I haven't metered it out yet, this is just my perception due to the rubberized parts that are visible. If this is true, what is the best way to couple the counterpoise to the ground/shield? I'm thinking about making a very thin washer out of aluminum can material to put between the antenna and the screw mount. Anyone have experience with a setup like this?
I was initially going to go with a 1/2 wave antenna as it supposedly doesn't need a ground plane, but read the experience of another published user that the 5/8-wave actually works better than a 1/2 wave on a bicycle...comments?

3208. Re: CounterPoise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-09-25 16:24:20 UTC
From: w5aox@...
Topic: 3207 Message: 3208

"Another published user" is one opinion against many others. Most any antenna will work "better than another" depending on which direction it is facing, whether your body is blocking the transmit path, how much metal is under the antenna.... etc, ad infinitum. Asking for antenna comments from hams is asking for wildly divergent opinions and experiences, often with the most comments coming from the least experienced.
I severely doubt your Browning antenna is isolated from ground, otherwise it would not work well at all.
In general, a 5/8 wave antenna works best when mounted on a decent ground plane. It theoretically exhibits a bit of gain over a 1/2 wave dipole under ideal conditions. A bicycle is not in the list of ideal conditions.
I love my homebrew J poles made from fiberglass bicycle flag poles because, even with the limitations, the RADIATING part of the antenna is the highest 38" of the J pole. These would work better with proper decoupling such as ground radials but the lack of ground does not hurt performance with the J pole as much as it does with the 5/8 wave or other current fed antennas.
Adding a counterpoise would undoubtedly help your range, but would it be worth it? I cannot see where 19 inch radials sticking out horizontally would fit anywhere on any of my bikes unless above head level on a pole, and that increases the tree-whacking problems.
Whatever you do, remember that mounting the antenna directly somewhere on the bike frame means the feed point and most of the rest of the antenna is closer to your body and other stuff that absorbs and distorts RF patterns. Basic physics applies to bicycle ham antennas just as with any other antenna.... "If it lasts all year round, it ain't big enough or high enough."

3209. Re: CounterPoise

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-09-26 14:07:39 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3207 Message: 3209

Meter the antenna to find out for sure.
I had a friend that was having marginal results with the antenna on his truck. We metered the antenna an coax to find out it was perfect. Then after a full morning of checking, adjusting, re-positioning the antenna we found the truck body was isolated from ground by rubber mounts. Same thing can happen depending on what your antenna is mounted to.
I run a 1/4 dual band on my bike rack using the old CB radio Truckers Mirror mount. Everything is metal to metal and it works fine around town. If I go anywhere there is going to be traffic (City Buses) I replace the 1/4 with a 80 inch collinear that Hustler sells. It also works well and increases the range. The main purpose is to keep the buses coming up behind me away from me. Nevada has a 3 foot rule for vehicles passing a bicyclist. I've had bus mirrors with in inches of my helmet. Swinging the 80 inch makes them move into the next lane.

As previously mentioned. There are lots of combinations for you to checkout. First use the meter to verify the situation
Good luck.

Jim Bassett
W1RO-ARRL Nevada Section Traffic Manager, Life Member
NNN0GBE/NNN0ZKQ-Nevada State Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS
gobig.Isagenix.com

3210. Dayton Hamvention 2016 Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-11-21 19:21:11 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3210 Message: 3210

I have requested a forum for the 2016 Dayton Hamvention. I am looking for presentors, please contact me at nf0n@arrl.net if you are interested in presenting. More than one would be great. More details to come.
Mike, NF0N
forum moderator

3211. New file uploaded to BMHA

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2015-12-12 17:42:51 UTC
From: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 79 Message: 3211

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the BMHA
group.

File : /bicycle_J-pole.pdf
Uploaded by : nf0n <nf0n@...>
Description : J-Pole Article from Bob, N0YWB

You can access this file at the URL:
https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BMHA/files/bicycle_J-pole.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
https://help.yahoo.com/kb/index?page=content&y=PROD_GRPS&locale=en_US&id=SLN15398

Regards,

nf0n <nf0n@...>

3212. Looking for Speakers/Presentors for the BMHA Forum at Dayton

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-01-17 14:22:49 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3212 Message: 3212

I am looking for anyone who is interested in presenting/displaying at the BMHA Forum for Dayton 2016. Please contact me via email at nf0n@arrl.net.

It can be a presentation, talk, display or anything of interest to our BMHA group. Our forum will be on Sunday at 9:00 am., May 22, 2016

Thanks,
Mike, NF0N
Forum Moderator

3213. QRO bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-01-24 01:15:23 UTC
From: kobak@...
Topic: 3213 Message: 3213

I remember reading about a guy who ran a bicycle mobile (or portable) setup with a 500w(!) amplifier. Saw the pictures, I think he used a trailer and a buddiepole. I was considering a bicycle portable station for activating urban parks in the NPOTA event this year, and I already have an Ameritron 500M amplifier.

But, I can't find that article and pictures. Can any of you point me to a web site with that info?

Or even better, if that gentleman reads this forum.

Thanks,
Pete K0BAK

3214. Re: [BMHA] QRO bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-01-24 03:34:42 UTC
From: tipledan@...
Topic: 3213 Message: 3214

Where do you store the fuel? Donn, KA0SOH

In a message dated 1/23/2016 7:43:07 P.M. Central Standard Time,
BMHA@yahoogroups.com writes:

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setup with a 500w(!) amplifier. Saw the pictures, I think he used a trailer and
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Thanks,
Pete K0BAK

3215. Re: [BMHA] QRO bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-01-24 04:21:37 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 3213 Message: 3215

Wasn't that Budd, W3FF, creator of the buddipole?

https://pbs.twimg.com/media/CG2j-3tUgAALRY2.jpg

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J70yliR-evU

- Jay N1RWY

On Sat, Jan 23, 2016 at 6:15 PM, kobak@... [BMHA] <
BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> Thanks,
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> Pete K0BAK
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3216. Re: [BMHA] QRO bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-01-24 15:51:56 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 3213 Message: 3216

G4AKC, had a trailer and an amp. I Qed with him a few times bike/m to bike/m.

http://www.g4akc.co.uk/?page=projects

Ron W9XS

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 23, 2016, at 10:22 PM, "Jay whereisjay@...<mailto:whereisjay@gmail.com> [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com<mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com>> wrote:

Wasn't that Budd, W3FF, creator of the buddipole?

https://pbs.twimg.com/media/CG2j-3tUgAALRY2.jpg

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J70yliR-evU

- Jay N1RWY

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But, I can't find that article and pictures. Can any of you point me to a web site with that info?

Or even better, if that gentleman reads this forum.

Thanks,

Pete K0BAK

3217. Re: QRO bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-01-24 16:07:03 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3213 Message: 3217

Pete,
Look up G4AKC on QRZ. Lor of links there to his bicycle pages. And thanks for the NPOTA contacts.

Mike, NF0N

3218. Re: [BMHA] QRO bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-01-25 11:07:51 UTC
From: Robert Gahl
Topic: 3213 Message: 3218

Whew (sigh of relief). For a second there I thought ya'll were talking about Steve Roberts Behemoth… The stories I could tell… There are some from RAGBRAI who could tell equally interesting stories… :)

http://www.computerhistory.org/revolution/mobile-computing/18/345/1703

> On Jan 24, 2016, at 11:07 AM, nf0n@... [BMHA] <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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> Mike, NF0N
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> Posted by: nf0n@...
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> This list now requires approval to join. New members are moderated to prevent driveby spamming. Inappropriate posts and responses to such posts will be deleted.
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> Feel free to contact the list owner at BMHA-owner@yahoogroups.com for questions and/or suggestions.
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> Yahoo Groups Links
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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

3219. Re: QRO bicycle mobile

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-01-25 14:08:24 UTC
From: kobak@...
Topic: 3213 Message: 3219

> Where do you store the fuel? Donn, KA0SOH

The fuel for locomotion is in my fat gut. :-)

I wouldn't use a generator if that's what you mean. The power for running the amplifier would come from a heavy deep-cycle lead-acid battery with a voltage booster. Fortunately, I have very strong bicycle legs; the only thing on me in good shape. Of course, even I might not be able to pull that battery and all the other equipment. That's why I want to contact the person who already did it.

-- Pete K0BAK

3220. 2016 Dayton BMHA Forum

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-02-01 03:27:06 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3220 Message: 3220

We have been approved for a forum at the 2016 Dayton Hamvention.

Our forum will be held in Room 5 on Sunday May 22, 2016 from 9:15-11:30 am. We have a program and details will follow.

Room 5 is large and we encourage display of your bicycle setup, special project or anything of interest to bicycle mobile enthusiasts.

We do have room on the program for an additional speaker or presenter. If interested, please contact me at nf0n@arrl.net

Mike, NF0N
Forum Moderator

3221. NVCON

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-02-01 16:01:20 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3221 Message: 3221

If anyone is interested in doing a presentation at the ARRL Nevada Convention they are looking for presenters.
Early registration is open now and you can contact them at: nvcon.org. A good excuse to go to Las Vegas, NV. lol

73

Jim Bassett,
W1RO-ARRL Nevada Section Traffic Manager, Life Member
AFA9RO
gobig.Isagenix.com

3222. Thank-you for Allowing me to join the Group.

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-02-24 20:40:21 UTC
From: Gary Jamerson
Topic: 3222 Message: 3222

Hi All,

My name is Gary Jamerson , kf4cnm. I live in Florida. Around my area we have many bicycle trails. My goal is to setup my Mountain bike with HF QRP. My problem is the the How factor. What antennas to use, what grounding system for bike, what packs to use for my bike, how to setup the system, battery holder etc.

Should I use my Icom-703 + with w4rt dual filters, or should I go ahead and purchase the Yaesu Ft-857D.

I have lot of questions. I hope I can learn from all of you.

Thanks.

Gary Jamerson, kf4cnm
Kf4cnm@...

Sent from my iPad

3223. BMHA Forum at the Dayton Hamvention 2016

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-03-16 19:25:22 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3223 Message: 3223

We will have a BMHA Forum at the Dayton Hamvention in 2016. Details below:

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Sunday May 22, 2016 09:15 - 11:30

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (The 26th Annual BMHA forum at Hamvention)

Moderator: Mike Nickolaus, NF0N

Bicycle Mobile Hams of America got its start in1989 when a QST article by Hartley Alley, NA0A asked hams who operate their radios while bicycle-mobile to get together and form a group. BMHA hosts a website along with the BMHA Yahoo Groups forum.

Jeff Slattery: N8SUZ GOBA Communications Director
The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure is the largest bicycle tour in the country with communications support provided entirely by ham radio. Participants bike 50-60 miles per day during the third week in June. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, has been GOBA Communications Director for 16 years. He will provide an overview of how a new communications plan is developed for touring a different area of Ohio each year along with a review of on-tour communications operations. GOBA will be in southwest Ohio for 2016.
Keith Miller: KA9RSL
A design project for a bicycle mount for the Elecraft KX3. Keith will have the bike, radio and antenna on display. The presentation will include photos and description of the building process.
We plan to have bicycle mobile displays and demonstrations of each will be conducted.

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
BMHA Forum Moderator

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BMHA Bike Ride

Although a formal bike ride is planned, we are encouraging a "Show and Go" ride for those who are interested. More information to follow as to where and when. It will be on the same trail and park as in past years.

Mike, NF0N

3224. Chris Charron K0PE Silent Key

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-03-31 16:52:23 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3224 Message: 3224

I lost a good friend, bicycling buddy and Ham Radio friend last Friday, March 25, 2016. Chris was only 55 when he passed away. He was in PA visiting family and riding bike near Gettysburg. Chris was a BMHA member, long time RAGBRAI rider and supporter, authoring a website called "Virtual RAGBRAI" for many years. Chris was a presenter at several BMHA Hamvention forums and assisted Hartley, NA0A, for several years at the forums.

I will always remember Chris as the person who I rode many bicycle trips together and at everyone of the rides, something big always happened. Never a dull moment.

Chris and I organized a team for RAGBRAI in 1989 which became called Team Megacycles, and is still a RAGBRAI team. Chris organized each yearly ride and I was able to provide the RV each year.

For those who would like to see more about Chris, the RAGBRAI website, ragbrai.org, has a tribute to him and a number of posts about Chris.

Rest in peace Chris, one can never forget such a person.

Chris Charron, K0PE, ex-WB0RSW

Mike, NF0N

3225. Re: [BMHA] Chris Charron K0PE Silent Key

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-03-31 18:33:31 UTC
From: bgahl@...
Topic: 3224 Message: 3225

On 2016-03-31 12:52, nf0n@... [BMHA] wrote:
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> Friday, March 25, 2016. Chris was only 55 when he passed away. He was
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> Mike, NF0N

Amen to all of that.

3226. Re: Chris Charron K0PE Silent Key

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-04-01 10:54:32 UTC
From: Keith Miller
Topic: 3224 Message: 3226

I met Chris years ago. Didn't know him well. Sorry for the loss. He will be missed.

Keith, NE9KM
formerly KA9RSL

3227. Central States VHF Society

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-04-05 15:09:03 UTC
From: S. Earl Jarosh
Topic: 3224 Message: 3227

The Central States VHF Society is excited to announce its Golden Anniversary Conference, hosted for the 3rd time by the Northern Lights Radio Society - NLRS to be held in the rolling hills farm country of Rochester, MN Thursday, July 28 to Sunday, July 31, 2016. Rochester is home to one of the largest Amish communities west of the Mississippi and to the world renowned Mayo Clinic. We invite you to come to Rochester to help celebrate this very special 50th Anniversary Conference!

Be sure to like the Northern Lights Radio Society - NLRS FaceBook page for up to the minute information. https://www.facebook.com/NLRSO/

The conference will feature many exciting activities, including state-of-the-art technical programs, noise figure measurement, antenna range, "Rover Row", "Dish Bowl", "VHF 101" presentations for newcomers to weak signal operation, luncheons, evening socials/hospitality suites, and, of course, the ever-popular grand finale banquet. Also, as this is the 50th anniversary of the CSVHFS and conference, we will have "Gear of Yesteryear" presentations and demonstrations to reflect on where we've been and just how far we've come!

Bring the whole family! The Conference hotel includes an indoor water park suitable for all ages. It is also near beautiful downtown Rochester, where shopping and other entertainment abounds. We will also be offering a choice of side trips designed to entertain the entire family.

Additional details are available on the Central States VHF Society web site, <CSVHFS.org>. Online conference registration will be available by April 15th,
2016 under the "Annual Conference" heading, or at <2016.csvhfs.org> directly.

The CSVHFS 50th Anniversary Conference is an ARRL-sanctioned Operating Specialty Event.

CONFERENCE DATES: Thursday, July 28 - Sunday, July 31, 2016.

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3228. KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-28 17:30:14 UTC
From: n6kr@...
Topic: 3228 Message: 3228

Hi all,

We have a new all-band/multimode transceiver, the KX2, which is about half the size of the KX3. I'm looking for suggests on how to mount it to my Trek hybrid bike.

A third party is working up an injection-molded, snap-in plastic backplate for the radio itself. This backplate will have a 4-hole RAM mount pattern. Presumably it's then a question of how to get from the plate to the handlebars.

Also, what whip antenna would you recommend for 17 and 20 meters? (The KX2 has a wide-range ATU, which will help.)

73,
Wayne
N6KR

3229. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-28 20:15:37 UTC
From: Ron Baran
Topic: 3228 Message: 3229

Hi Wayne,
For about 15 years i used conduit hangers.
I'm in an airport now and don't have access to my computer where the pix are located. But I think there are some pictures on my web site W9XS.US

I also used an outboard tuner AH4 from Icom and my antenna was a 102" whip. Covered 40 through 10

Good luck with your HF bike mobile.

73,

Ron

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2016, at 10:30 AM, n6kr@...<mailto:n6kr@...> [BMHA] <BMHA@yahoogroups.com<mailto:BMHA@yahoogroups.com>> wrote:

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73,
Wayne
N6KR

3230. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-28 20:36:47 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3228 Message: 3230

Howedy Wayne.

If the backplate is going to have a 4-hole RAM mount pattern (I thought the RAM ball mount only used 2 holes)... then why not just put a RAM ball mount onto the backplate... put a RAM handlebat mount (basically the RAM ball mount with a u-bolt)... and use a 3" or 6" RAM arm to connect them???

Thats what I did for my FT-817. a place online was selling a mount for the FT-817. I bought one. I didn't like the mounting system they had to attach the mount to something. So I removed their mounting system, drilled a couple of hole on the plate... and put a RAM ball mount onto the mounting plate. I then got the RAM handlebar mount and a 6" RAM arm... and I have my FT-817 on my handlebar.

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Wayne
N6KR

3231. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-28 20:47:08 UTC
From: Wayne Burdick
Topic: 3228 Message: 3231

Thanks, Mike. I didn't know if RAM made handlebar mounts.

As for the antenna, I'm considering a Hustler 17-m whip. The KX2's ATU will tune this on 20 and 17 meters as well.

Wayne

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3232. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-28 20:51:41 UTC
From: Wayne Burdick
Topic: 3228 Message: 3232

Hi, Ron. Great info on your web site. Thanks!

The KX2 is less than half the size of an FT-817 (etc.) so a handlebar mount should be easy. I hope its 10 watts is enough in SSB mode. The internal Li-ion battery should be good for a few hours of typical ops.

Regarding CW: The rig also has the keyer paddle attached, so it'll be easy to give bike CW a try. I've done it in the car, so why not :)

73,
Wayne
N6KR

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3233. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-28 21:15:12 UTC
From: n1evh@verizon.net
Topic: 3228 Message: 3233

Howdy Wayne.

Yup... Its advertised as a "motorcycle mount"...

http://www.gpscity
com/ram-mount-steel-u-bolt-motorcycle-mount-base-ram-b-231u.html
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mounting a GPS to (incase I bring my old TH-D7A with me and I
want to do APRS). They have them with zinc u-bolts and stainless
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And then I bought one of these to attach my FT-817 to my handlebar...

http://www.gpscity.com/ram-mount-medium-arm-b-socket-ram-b-201u.html

I've had the setup for a couple of years and its worked great.

Mike - N1EVH

-------Original Message-------

From: Wayne Burdick n6kr@... [BMHA]
Date: 05/28/16 16:47:14
To: BMHA@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

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3234. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-28 21:29:55 UTC
From: Wayne Burdick
Topic: 3228 Message: 3234

Perfect, Mike. Thanks!

Wayne

On May 28, 2016, at 2:15 PM, "'n1evh@verizon.net' n1evh@... [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3235. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-29 01:11:21 UTC
From: Toby Markowitz
Topic: 3228 Message: 3235

consider aircraft clamps. They are aluminum had have a rubber lining so
they would protect the bars. [image: Inline image 1]

Toby

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3236. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-28 17:40:03 UTC
From: Patrick Sullivan
Topic: 3228 Message: 3236

I would certainly try to find a way to dampen the vibration into the radio.

Suspend it with shock cord like a studio mike?
On May 28, 2016 12:36 PM, "n6kr@... [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com>
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3237. Re: [BMHA] KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-29 03:01:25 UTC
From: Nick Kemp
Topic: 3228 Message: 3237

Have you tried eBay and searching for something like "bicycle handlebar (clamps, mounts)"? There are over 20,000 Buy It Now items (many repeats). There may be something there that would work.

Search eBay for "Outdoor Bike Bicycle Cycling Water Cup Bottle Cage Holder Handlebar Mount" they are $1.30 delivered and may make a good starting point. You could use two of them.

FFT ... Food For Thought,
Nick
N1KMP

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3238. Re: KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-29 10:30:13 UTC
From: Keith Miller
Topic: 3228 Message: 3238

Did you see my Salsa Fargo with the KX3 at hamvention? I had it in your booth when I was talking to Scott. It was one of the programs at BMHA forum. For the KX2 I have 2 different RAM mounts coming to try. I will be making a mount similar to the one I built for the KX3 and also trying one of Scott's mounts when he has it available for me. Since this will be used for loaded touring the radio and antenna must be mounted to work with the bags. The mount on the bike works but not well with the Revelate Harness I use on the handlebar. I expect the RAM mounts with Scott's or my new cradle to work much better.

My antenna is a Buddipole mini coil and 3 element shock corded whip with stinger mounted on a 2x2 aluminum angle on a rear rack. This is bonded to the frame of the bike for a counterpoise ground.

If you want any pictures let me know.
I will be using this rig on the GAP/C&O trip in September.

Keith NE9KM

3239. Re: KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-29 11:42:20 UTC
From: kamiller@...
Topic: 3228 Message: 3239

Wayne,
A couple more comments about my KX3 mount and the changes I will be making to the KX2 mount.
In the previous post I mentioned that it was difficult to use the Revelate Harness with the mount.
Also it takes time to remove the radio from the bike. (about 5 minutes)
I have 2 RAM ball handlebar mounts on order. One is easily removed from the handlebar the other will take a wrench so the ball mount will likely stay on the bar and the rest of the mount be removed. I will be testing those along with Scott's and my mounts for security on a bike.
I know from use with the KX3 that my mount design is secure and works well. It is not a design that is practical to put in production at a reasonable price. Both mounts will be tested so I can recommend something secure, practical and easy to use.

Check out my album NE9KM KX3 and KX2 bike mobile in the group photos.

Keith, NE9KM

3240. Re: KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-30 14:15:02 UTC
From: kamiller@...
Topic: 3228 Message: 3240

Wayne, I am using RAM mount components to mount my aluminum KX2 mount to the bike.

RAM part RAM-B-202U on the back of the mount
RAP-B-400U or RAM-B-231ZU to mount to the handlebar.
arm of your choice length to connect them. For the most security I would recommend using the shortest that will work for you. I use these RAM parts to mount the GPS in my experimental plane and have good results. If they work well with the KX2 I will also change my KX3 mount to RAM parts.

I have the first cradle made and second one nearly finished. The RAM parts will be here tomorrow I hope to have it on the bike by tomorrow evening. When testing is complete I plan to powder coat them to match the radio.

Keith, NE9KM

3241. Re: KX2 transceiver bike mounting?

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-05-30 17:52:48 UTC
From: kamiller@...
Topic: 3228 Message: 3241

2 photos of the KX2 mount are added to the album. The mount was made the same length as the KX3 mount. This left it about 1.5 inches longer than the radio. I did this to give protection to the connectors on the ends of the radio. If I decide that this is unnecessary I can always cut the extra off. This one uses the screw for the foot to hold the radio in the cradle.

Keith, NE9KM

3242. W8AQ Introducing Myself

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-07-01 15:31:25 UTC
From: jackkneal@...
Topic: 3242 Message: 3242

Greetings es 73 everyone!

I just found and was approved for membership in this group (Thanks!) and wanted to briefly (by ragchewer standards!) introduce myself. I'm Jack Neal, W8AQ...originally licensed as WN8ZNO back in Clinton, Ohio in 1967. I've been addicted to primarily CW and cycling pretty much ever since. In the ham side, I spend a lot of time with QRP and boat anchor rigs...again usually CW.

In the cycling side, I ride anywhere from 1500-3000 miles a year, mostly on rural roads or on whatever bike trails that are handy or intrigue me enough to drive to. I've been known to bike commute (about 24 miles RT) many times a year, as well. I also find a 2-3 hour after work ride to be the perfect form of decompression..

I rode a tandem trike for awhile since I was able to configure it for bike mobile pretty easily. Had a great time with that experience using a Yaesu FT-817 and Miracle Whip (PLEASE don't start! I know and avoid the flame wars.) but have headed back exclusively to 2 wheels. Currently most of my cycling is on a Trek 520 or Trek FX 7.2. I also have MTB and fat tire bikes right now. But like most addictions, my two addictions of ham radio and Cycling have forced me to acquire a strange collection of bikes and rigs that all sort of cycle (pun intended) in and out of my life.

So obviously brief is not something I do well in posts. Apologies for being verbose but I wanted to give you a bit about myself.

TNX, 73 es hope CUAGN on the air, roads or bike trails.
Jack W8AQ

3243. Re: W8AQ Introducing Myself

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-07-01 16:04:50 UTC
From: nf0n@...
Topic: 3242 Message: 3243

Hi Jack and welcome to the BMHA group. We are glad to have you here and your interest in bicycling and Ham Radio is welcomed. Please feel free to share your enthusiasm and your interests. I also ride both 3 and 2 wheels and have some antennas and radios from time to time. I am always looking for how others do their setup. There is lot's of information on this group and on the BMHA website, www.bmha-hams.org http://www.bmha-hams.org

Again, welcome to the BMHA group and hope to see your posts.

73-Mike, NF0N
forum moderator
BMHA secretary/treasurer

3244. BMHA Website down for a few hours July 1, 2016

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-07-01 16:41:32 UTC
From: AA6WK@...
Topic: 3244 Message: 3244

I am doing some routine maintenance (a disk integrity check) on the BMHA Website (http://www.BMHA-Hams.org) and the website will be down for a few hours.

I apologize for any inconvenience.

- Skip AA6WK
Webmaster@BMHA-Hams.org

3245. Re: BMHA Website down for a few hours July 1, 2016

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-07-02 02:23:57 UTC
From: AA6WK@...
Topic: 3244 Message: 3245

Maintenance is complete, and the website is now up and running.
Bicycle Mobile Hams of America Home Page http://www.BMHA-Hams.org

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Preview by Yahoo

- Skip AA6WK Webmaster@BMHA-Hams.org

3246. how do you feel about hamvention

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-08-10 14:20:18 UTC
From: ka8gov@...
Topic: 3246 Message: 3246

Hello this Cliff Stumpff ka8gov i was wondering how do you like the new hamvention site at greene county fairgrounds will it be a good thing to have the bike ride starting from hamvention site? and are you still having a form at hamvention 73 cliff stumpff ka8gov

3247. Re: [BMHA] how do you feel about hamvention

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-08-10 15:40:13 UTC
From: Shirley Márquez Dúlcey
Topic: 3246 Message: 3247

The new location looks more bike-friendly. A plus there.

The big downside: people will have to go outdoors a lot more. There isn't nearly as much indoor space, so some things will have to be in tents. The indoor space is split among multiple unattached buildings, some of which are not air conditioned. If it rains or if it's unusually hot or cold, things are going to be less fun than they were at the Hara.

Power distribution may also be an issue. The fair isn't as dependent on availability of electricity as Hamvention is.

I'm sure the Hamvention team will do everything they can to make the new site work. There will be a few things that are better than before, and some that are inconvenient or just don't work.

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3248. Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-08-17 23:44:41 UTC
From: rcflyer51@...
Topic: 3248 Message: 3248

I just joined this group. I have just started working with ham radio on my bianchi volpe. I am currently doing VHF/UHF via an HT and a Diamond groundless mobile antenna mounted on an Al rack on the back. I plan to purchase a LifePo4 battery from Bioenno shortly to support longer rides and a 2 meter amp.

I live in Lacey, Washington and enjoy riding on the Western Chehalis Trail system.

Does anyone use or has used the Sena SR10 bluetooth adaptors for HTs? They are a bit expensive, but, they do have a good reputation among the motorcycle folks.

I look forward to participating in the group discussions.

Regards,

Danny, KF9BD

3249. Re: Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-09-18 16:50:15 UTC
From: rcflyer51@...
Topic: 3248 Message: 3249

Anyone use or have used the LifePo4 battery from Bioenno? Also, any recommendations for a dual band mobile with remote head for use on a bike? I have an FT7800 and was thinking another one of those or the newer FT7900.

Regards,

Danny

3250. Re: [BMHA] Re: Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-09-18 19:16:39 UTC
From: Jay Baack
Topic: 3248 Message: 3250

I have used their 10 amp hour 12v LifePo4 for several years. Love it. Not having the extra weight of the SLA is nice as well.

Jay N1RWY

> On Sep 18, 2016, at 9:50 AM, rcflyer51@... [BMHA] <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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3251. Re: [BMHA] Re: Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-09-18 17:16:08 UTC
From: Craig LaBarge
Topic: 3248 Message: 3251

I have a 6 A-H LiFePO4 battery from Bioenno. It works great. It powered my KX3 all weekend while camping. Bioenno's customer service was very helpful with some questions I had about charging.

73, Craig WB3GCK

On Sep 18, 2016 1:09 PM, "rcflyer51@... [BMHA]" <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3252. Re: [BMHA] Re: Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-09-18 17:12:58 UTC
From: Greg Danes
Topic: 3248 Message: 3252

Not sure I would want a 200 + dollar rig on a bike. If you took a spill it might be gone. I would go with one of those 25 watt Chinese mobiles. Never used the battery you mentioned so cannot comment. The above dual bander is also smaller and lighter and no doubt easier to mount.

KJ4DGE

On Sun, Sep 18, 2016 at 12:50 PM, rcflyer51@... [BMHA] <
BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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3253. Re: Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-09-19 13:33:12 UTC
From: kobak@...
Topic: 3248 Message: 3253

>> Anyone use or have used the LifePo4 battery from Bioenno?

I have their 20Ah battery in a backpack rack (with IC7100 radio, voltage booster, and auto transmatch), for pedestrian portable to activate NPOTA units in Philly and Manhattan. Great customer service and technical answers.

Recently also bought a 50v 20Ah battery to run a 1kW amp in my minivan rover, but not recommended for bicycles. :-)

-- Pete K0BAK

3254. Re: Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-09-19 14:15:55 UTC
From: Jim Bassett
Topic: 3248 Message: 3254

I live in a city so I get away with using my Icom IC W32 dual bander, 5 watt, in a handle bar mount. I use their external PTT switch zip tied to the handle bar near my right thumb and the headset. The antenna is the MFJ dual band that I took off of the mag mount and mounted on the rear rack. The rear rack accepted a 3/8 24 automobile mirror mount. I don't know if you are choosing the mobile radio because you need more power or not.

I have no actual experience with the battery. I did see them at Nevada Convention and sat in on the company forum. Looks promising.

73

Jim Bassett,
W1RO-ARRL Nevada Section Traffic Manager, Life Member
gobig.Isagenix.com

3255. Re: Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-09-19 14:45:46 UTC
From: Danny Rice
Topic: 3248 Message: 3255

Thanks for the info guys. Jay: What radio were you using with the 10 AH battery? I am interested in how the battery handles certain amp draw. I am trying to decide if I should get the 15 or 20 AH versions to power my 857D (~20 amp draw) or a dual band mobile (~10 amp draw).
Also, good comment on using one of the less expensive dual banders on a bike. I will look into that. Danny, KF9BD, Lacey, WA

3256. Re: [BMHA] Re: Intro - KF9BD

Yahoo group: BMHA
Date: 2016-09-19 16:33:33 UTC
From: Jay Baack
Topic: 3248 Message: 3256

I use it with my 817 all the time. I have used it with the 857 but at a reduced power output of 20-25w.

Jay N1RWY

> On Sep 19, 2016, at 7:45 AM, Danny Rice rcflyer51@... [BMHA] <BMHA@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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